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REPORT BY THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATORY COMMITTEE TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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In the Matter of Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr.
United States District Judge
Eastern District of Louisiana

Submitted

November 20, 2007

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TAB 1

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Warren A. Cuntz, Jr.
Bankruptcy Clerk, Eastern District of Louisiana

FROM: Carolyn King

DATE: June 4, 2001

RE: Designation of The Honorable William R. Greendyke to the Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana

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Attached is an order designating Bankruptcy Judge William R. Greendyke, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Texas, to the Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana to preside over the case of In the Matter of: Gabriel T. Porteous, Jr. and Carmella A. Porteous; Case No. 01-12363.

cc: Chief Judge Richard S. Schmidt
Chief Judge T. M. Brahney, III
Judge William R. Greendyke
Gregory A. Nussel, Circuit Executive

TAB 2

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT OF BANKRUPTCY JUDGE WILLIAM R. GREENDYKE TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

In accordance with the authority vested in me by resolution of the Fifth Circuit Judicial Council, and with the concurrences of Chief Judge T. M. Brahney, III, Eastern District of Louisiana, and Chief Judge Richard S. Schmidt, Southern District of Texas,

I do hereby assign United States Bankruptcy Judge William R. Greendyke, Southern District of Texas, to the Bankruptcy Court of the Eastern District of Louisiana, for the purpose of presiding over the following case, together with all other bankruptcy matters connected with or arising out of same:

In the matter of: Gabriel T. Porteous, Jr. and Carmella A. Porteous
Case No. 01-12363

This designation is effective immediately and will continue until completion of all matters required in the same.

For the Council:

Carolyn Dineen King, Chief Judge
United States Court of Appeals
for the Fifth Circuit

June 4, 2001

TAB 3

In re Gabriel T. Porteous, Jr. Carmella A. Porteous Case No. 01-12363 Section "A"

SCHEDULE I - CURRENT INCOME OF INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR(S)

Debtor's Marital Status: **Married**	DEPENDENT'S OF DEBTOR AND SPOUSE		
Debtor's Age: Spouse's Age:	NAMES	AGE	RELATIONSHIP
	Catherine A. Porteous	19	Daughter

EMPLOYMENT:	DEBTOR	SPOUSE
Occupation	Judge	
Name of Employer		
How long employed		
Address of Employer	United States of America 500 Camp Street New Orleans, LA 70130	

Income: (Estimate of average monthly income)	DEBTOR	SPOUSE
Current monthly gross wages, salary, and commissions (pro rate if not paid monthly.)	$ 7,531.52	$ 0.00
Estimated monthly overtime	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
SUBTOTAL	$ 7,531.52	$ 0.00
LESS PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS		
a. Payroll taxes and social security	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
b. Insurance	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
c. Union dues	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
d. Other (Specify) _____	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
SUBTOTAL OF PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
TOTAL NET MONTHLY TAKE HOME PAY	$ 7,531.52	$ 0.00
Regular income from operation of business or profession or farm (attach detailed statement)	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Income from real property	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Interest and dividends	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Alimony, maintenance or support payments payable to the debtor for the debtor's use or that of dependents listed above.	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Social security or other government assistance (Specify) _____	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Pension or retirement income	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Other monthly income (Specify) _____	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME	$ 7,531.52	$ 0.00

TOTAL COMBINED MONTHLY INCOME $ 7,531.52 (Report also on Summary of Schedules)

Describe any increase or decrease of more than 10% in any of the above categories anticipated to occur within the year following the filing of this document: NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES COURTS
EMPLOYEE EARNINGS STATEMENT

[redacted] MONTHLY PAY PERIOD 06 ENDING 05/31/00 01007
LOUISIANA EASTERN DISTRICT JUDGE & STAFF NEW ORLEANS

PORTEOUS JR., G. THOMAS [redacted] UJ 00/05
DIRECT DEPOSIT [redacted] RETIREMENT CODE 2
SALARY 141,300.00

PAY PERIOD EARNINGS	DAYS	PAY	YTD EARNINGS
REGULAR	30.0	11,775.00	70,266.66
GROSS EARNINGS		11,775.00	70,266.66

PAY PERIOD DEDUCTIONS	DEDUCTIONS	YTD DEDUCTIONS
FICA	889.72	5,320.06
FEDERAL TAX MS-M EXEMPT-02 EXTRA-0000	2,603.27	15,564.22
STATE TAX LA MS-M EXEMPT-02 EXTRA-000	313.91	1,876.30
HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN 105		135.03
GOV/T LIFE INS. PLAN BASIC	48.36	288.48
OPTION-A (STANDARD)	3.03	18.18
OPTION-B (ADDITIONAL)	230.75	918.13
OPTION-C (FAMILY)	9.75	19.50
HEALTH INSURANCE PRE-TAX	144.69	723.45
NET PAY	7,531.52	

MESSAGES :
THE FOLLOWING TWO CHANGES BECAME EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2000:

(1) FEDERAL EMPLOYEES GROUP LIFE INSURANCE ELECTIONS MADE DURING THE 1999 OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD

(2) NEW LIFE INSURANCE RATES FROM OPTION C-FAMILY COVERAGE FOR AGES 65 AND OVER

THESE CHANGES ARE REFLECTED IN THIS PAYCHECK.

Form B6J
(6/90)

In re Gabriel T. Porteous, Jr. Carmella A. Porteous Case No. 01-12363 Section "A"
Debtor (If known)

SCHEDULE J - CURRENT EXPENDITURES OF INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR(S)

☐ Check this box if a joint petition is filed and debtor's spouse maintains a separate household. Complete a separate schedule of expenditures labeled "Spouse".

Rent or home mortgage payment (include lot rented for mobile home)	$	1,429.00
Are real estate taxes included? Yes ✓ No		
Is property insurance included? Yes ✓ No		
Utilities Electricity and heating fuel	$	350.00
Water and sewer	$	90.00
Telephone	$	200.00
Other	$	0.00
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	$	200.00
Food	$	750.00
Clothing	$	525.00
Laundry and dry cleaning	$	150.00
Medical and dental expenses	$	300.00
Transportation (not including car payments)	$	250.00
Recreation, clubs and entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	$	0.00
Charitable contributions	$	100.00
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in home mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	$	0.00
Life	$	0.00
Health	$	0.00
Auto	$	350.00
Other	$	0.00
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in home mortgage payments)		
(Specify)	$	0.00
Installment payments: (In chapter 12 and 13 cases, do not list payments to be included in the plan)		
Auto	$	330.00
Other Second Car Lease	$	330.00
Second Mortgage on Family Home	$	495.00
Alimony, maintenance or support paid to others	$	0.00
Payments for support of additional dependents not living at your home	$	686.00
Regular expenses from operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	$	0.00
Other Cable Television	$	45.00
TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES (Report also on Summary of Schedules)	$	6,580.00

[FOR CHAPTER 12 AND 13 DEBTORS ONLY]

Provide the information requested below, including whether plan payments are to be made bi-weekly, monthly, annually, or at some other regular interval.

A. Total projected monthly income	$	7,531.52
B. Total projected monthly expenses	$	6,580.00
C. Excess income (A minus B)	$	951.52
D. Total amount to be paid into plan each Monthly (interval)	$	875.00

In re: Gabriel T. Porteous, Jr. [redacted] Carmella A. Porteous [redacted] Case No.

DECLARATION CONCERNING DEBTOR'S SCHEDULES

DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY BY INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing summary and schedules, consisting of 16 sheets plus the summary page, and that they are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Date: 4-9-01

Signature: _____
Gabriel T. Porteous, Jr.

Date: 4-9-01

Signature: _____
Carmella A. Porteous

[If joint case, both spouses must sign]

DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY ON BEHALF OF CORPORATION OR PARTNERSHIP

(NOT APPLICABLE)

Penalty for making a false statement or concealing property. Fine of up to $500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years or both. 18 U.S.C §§ 152 and 3571.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

Eastern District of Louisiana

In re: Gabriel T. Porteous, Jr. [redacted] Carmella A. Porteous [redacted] Case No. 01-12363 Section "A"

Chapter 13

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

1. Income from employment or operation of business

None ☐ State the gross amount of income the debtor has received from employment, trade, or profession, or from operation of the debtor's business from the beginning of this calendar year to the date this case was commenced. State also the gross amounts received during the two years immediately preceding this calendar year. (A debtor that maintains, or has maintained, financial records on the basis of a fiscal rather than a calendar year may report fiscal year income. Identify the beginning and ending dates of the debtor's fiscal year.) If a joint petition is filed, state income for each spouse separately. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must state income of both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

AMOUNT	SOURCE	FISCAL YEAR PERIOD
146,450.00	Joint Gross Income	1999
146,799.00	Joint Gross Income	2000
35,325.00	Joint Gross Income	2001

2. Income other than from employment or operation of business

None ☑ State the amount of income received by the debtor other than from employment, trade, profession, or operation of the debtor's business during the **two years** immediately preceding the commencement of this case. Give particulars. If a joint petition is filed, state income for each spouse separately. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must state income for each spouse whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

3. Payments to creditors

None ☐ a. List all payments on loans, installment purchases of goods or services, and other debts, aggregating more than $600 to any creditor, made within **90 days** immediately preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include payments by either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR	DATES OF PAYMENTS	AMOUNT PAID	AMOUNT STILL OWING

Normal Installments

None ☑ b. List all payments made within **one year** immediately preceding the commencement of this case to or for the benefit of creditors who are or were insiders. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include payments by either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

4. Suits and administrative proceedings, executions, garnishments and attachments

None ☑ a. List all suits and administrative proceedings to which the debtor is or was a party within one year immediately preceding the filing of this bankruptcy case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include information concerning either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

None ☑ b. Describe all property that has been attached, garnished or seized under any legal or equitable process within one year immediately preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include information concerning property of either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

5. Repossessions, foreclosures and returns

None ☑ List all property that has been repossessed by a creditor, sold at a foreclosure sale, transferred through a deed in lieu of foreclosure or returned to the seller, within **one year** immediately preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include information concerning property of either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

6. Assignments and receiverships

None ☑ a. Describe any assignment of property for the benefit of creditors made within 120 days immediately preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include any assignment by either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

None ☑ b. List all property which has been in the hands of a custodian, receiver, or court-appointed official within **one year** immediately preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include information concerning property of either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

7. Gifts

None ☑ List all gifts or charitable contributions made within **one year** immediately preceding the commencement of this case except ordinary and usual gifts to family members aggregating less than $200 in value per individual family member and charitable contributions aggregating less than $100 per recipient. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include gifts or contributions by either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

8. Losses

None ☑ List all losses from fire, theft, other casualty or gambling within **one year** immediately preceding the commencement of this case or since the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include losses by either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

9. Payments related to debt counseling or bankruptcy

None ☑ List all payments made or property transferred by or on behalf of the debtor to any persons, including attorneys, for consultation concerning debt consolidation, relief under the bankruptcy law or preparation of a petition in bankruptcy within one year immediately preceding the commencement of this case.

10. Other transfers

None ☑ a. List all other property, other than property transferred in the ordinary course of the business or financial affairs of the debtor, transferred either absolutely or as security within one year immediately preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include transfers by either or both spouses whether or not a joint petiton is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

11. Closed financial accounts

None ☑ List all financial accounts and instruments held in the name of the debtor or for the benefit of the debtor which were closed, sold, or otherwise transferred within **one year** immediately preceding the commencement of this case. Include checking, savings, or other financial accounts, certificates of deposit, or other instruments; shares and share accounts held in banks, credit unions, pension funds, cooperatives, associations, brokerage houses and other financial institutions. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include information concerning accounts or instruments held by or for either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

12. Safe deposit boxes

None ☑ List each safe deposit or other box or depository in which the debtor has or had securities, cash, or other valuables within **one year** immediately preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include boxes or depositories of either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

13. Setoffs

None ☑ List all setoffs made by any creditor, including a bank, against a debt or deposit of the debtor within **90 days** preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include information concerning either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

14. Property held for another person

None ☑ List all property owned by another person that the debtor holds or controls.

15. Prior address of debtor

None ☑ If the debtor has moved within the two years immediately preceding the commencement of this case, list all premises which the debtor occupied during that period and vacated prior to the commencement of this case. If a joint petition is filed, report also any separate address of either spouse.

16. Nature, location and name of business

None ☑ a. If the debtor is an individual, list the names and addresses of all businesses in which the debtor was an officer, director, partner, or managing executive of a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or was a self-employed professional within two years immediately preceding the commencement of this case, or in which the debtor owned 5 percent or more of the voting or equity securities within the **two years** immediately preceding the commencement of this case.

b. If the debtor is a partnership, list the names and addresses of all businesses in which the debtor was a partner or owned 5 percent or more of the voting securities, within the **two years** immediately preceding the commencement of this case.

c. If the debtor is a corporation, list the names and addresses of all business in which the debtor was a partner or owned 5 percent or more of the voting securities within **two years** immediately preceding the commencement of this case.

17. Books, records and financial statements

None ☑ a. List all bookkeepers and accountants who within six years immediately preceding the filing of this bankruptcy case kept or supervised the keeping of books of account and records of the debtor.

None ☑ b. List all firms or individuals who within the two years immediately preceding the filing of this bankruptcy case have audited the books of account and records, or prepared a financial statement of the debtor.

None ☑ c. List all firms or individuals who at the time of the commencement of this case were in possession of the books of account and records of the debtor. If any of the books of account and records are not available, explain.

None ☑ d. List all financial institutions, creditors and other parties, including mercantile and trade agencies, to whom a financial statement was issued within the two years immediately preceding the commencement of this case by the debtor.

18. Inventories

None ☑ a. List the dates of the last two inventories taken of your property, the name of the person who supervised the taking of each inventory, and the dollar amount and basis of each inventory.

None ☑ b. List the name and address of the person having possession of the records of each of the two inventories reported in 18a., above.

19. Current Partners, Officers, Directors and Shareholders

None ☑ a. If the debtor is a partnership, list the nature and percentage of partnership interest of each member of the partnership.

None ☑ b. If the debtor is a corporation, list all officers and directors of the corporation, and each stockholder who directly or indirectly owns, controls, or holds 5 percent or more of the voting securities of the corporation.

20. Former partners, officers, directors and shareholders

None ☑ a. If the debtor is a partnership, list each member who withdrew from the partnership within one year immediately preceding the commencement of this case.

None ☑ b. If the debtor is a corporation, list all officers, or directors whose relationship with the corporation terminated within one year immediately preceding the commencement of this case.

21. Withdrawals from a partnership or distributions by a corporation

None ☑ If the debtor is a partnership or corporation, list all withdrawals or distributions credited or given to an insider, including compensation in any form, bonuses, loans, stock redemptions, options exercised and any other perquisite during one year immediately preceding the commencement of this case.

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the answers contained in the foregoing statement of financial affairs and any attachments thereto and that they are true and correct.

Date 4-9-01

Signature of Debtor Gabriel T. Porteous, Jr.

Date 4-9-01

Signature of Joint Debtor Carmella A. Porteous

TAB 4

(Official Form 1) (9/97)

FORM B1

United States Bankruptcy Court
Eastern District of Louisiana

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CLERK

Voluntary Petition

Name of Debtor (if individual, enter Last, First, Middle):	Name of Joint Debtor (Spouse)(Last, First, Middle):
Ortous, G. T.	**Ortous, C. A.**
All Other Names used by the Debtor in the last 6 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):	All Other Names used by the Joint Debtor in the last 6 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):
Soc. Sec./Tax I.D. No. (if more than one, state all): [redacted]	Soc. Sec./Tax I.D. No. (if more than one, state all): [redacted]
Street Address of Debtor (No. & Street, City, State & Zip Code): **P.O. Box 1723 Harvey, LA 70059-1723**	Street Address of Joint Debtor (No. & Street, City, State & Zip Code): **P.O. Box 1723 Harvey, LA 70059-1723**
County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business: **Jefferson Parish**	County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business: **Jefferson Parish**
Mailing Address of Debtor (if different from street address):	Mailing Address of Joint Debtor (if different from street address):
Location of Principal Assets of Business Debtor (if different from street address above):	01-12363

Information Regarding the Debtor (Check the Applicable Boxes)

Venue (Check any applicable box)

☑ Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of business, or principal assets in this District for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other District.

☐ There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership pending in this District.

Type of Debtor (Check all boxes that apply)

☑ Individual(s)
☐ Corporation
☐ Partnership
☐ Other _____
☐ Railroad
☐ Stockbroker
☐ Commodity Broker

Chapter or Section of Bankruptcy Code Under Which the Petition is Filed (Check one box)

☐ Chapter 7
☐ Chapter 9
☐ Chapter 11
☐ Chapter 12
☑ Chapter 13
☐ Sec. 304 - Case ancillary to foreign proceeding

Nature of Debts (Check one box)

☑ Consumer/Non-Business
☐ Business

Filing Fee (Check one box)

☑ Full Filing Fee Attached
☐ Filing Fee to be paid in installments (Applicable to individuals only) Must attach signed application for the court's consideration certifying that the debtor is unable to pay fee except in installments. Rule 1006(b). See Official Form No. 3.

Chapter 11 Small Business (Check all boxes that apply)

☐ Debtor is a small business as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101
☐ Debtor is and elects to be considered a small business under 11 U.S.C. § 1121(e) (Optional)

Statistical/Administrative Information (Estimates only)

☑ Debtor estimates that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors.
☐ Debtor estimates that, after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses paid, there will be no funds available for distribution to unsecured creditors.

THIS SPACE IS FOR COURT USE ONLY

Estimated Number of Creditors	1-15	16-49	50-99	100-199	200-999	1000-over
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Estimated Assets	$0 to $50,000	$50,001 to $100,000	$100,001 to $500,000	$500,001 to $1 million	$1,000,001 to $10 million	$10,000,001 to $50 million	$50,000,001 to $100 million	More than $100 million
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Estimated Debts	$0 to $50,000	$50,001 to $100,000	$100,001 to $500,000	$500,001 to $1 million	$1,000,001 to $10 million	$10,000,001 to $50 million	$50,000,001 to $100 million	More than $100 million
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

(Official Form 1) (9/97)

Voluntary Petition *(This page must be completed and filed in every case)*	Name of Debtor(s): G. T. Ortous C. A. Ortous	FORM B1, Page 2
Prior Bankruptcy Case Filed Within Last 6 Years (If more than one, attach additional sheet)		
Location Where Filed: NONE	Case Number:	Date Filed:
Pending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner or Affiliate of this Debtor (If more than one, attach additional sheet)		
Name of Debtor: NONE	Case Number:	Date Filed:
District:	Relationship:	Judge:

Signatures

Signature(s) of Debtor(s) (Individual/Joint)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct.
[If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12 or 13 of title 11, United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7.
I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

X _____
Signature of Debtor

X _____
Signature of Joint Debtor

Telephone Number (If not represented by attorney)

3-28-01
Date

Signature of Debtor (Corporation/Partnership)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.

The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

X Not Applicable
Signature of Authorized Individual

Printed Name of Authorized Individual

Title of Authorized Individual

Date

Signature of Attorney

X _____
Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)

Claude C. Lightfoot, Jr., LA 17989
Printed Name of Attorney for Debtor(s) / Bar No.

Claude C. Lightfoot, Jr. P.C.
Firm Name

3500 N. Causeway Blvd. Suite 450
Address

Metairie, LA 70002

(504) 838-8571 (fax) (504) 838-857
Telephone Number

3-28-01
Date

Signature of Non-Attorney Petition Preparer

I certify that I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 110, that I prepared this document for compensation, and that I have provided the debtor with a copy of this document.

Not Applicable
Printed Name of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

Social Security Number

Address

Names and Social Security numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document:

If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional sheets conforming to the appropriate official form for each person.

X Not Applicable
Signature of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

Date

A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both. 11 U.S.C. § 110; 18 U.S.C. § 156.

Exhibit A

(To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under chapter 11)

☐ Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this petition.

Exhibit B

(To be completed if debtor is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts)

I, the attorney for the petitioner named in the foregoing petition, declare that I have informed the petitioner that [he or she] may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each such chapter.

X _____ 3-28-01
Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s) Date

SC00123

United States Bankruptcy Court
Eastern District of Louisiana
NOTICE TO INDIVIDUAL CONSUMER DEBTOR

The purpose of this notice is to acquaint you with the four chapters of the Federal Bankruptcy Code under which you may file a bankruptcy petition. The bankruptcy law is complicated and not easily described. Therefore, you should seek the advice of an attorney to learn of your rights and responsibilities under the law should you decide to file a petition with the court. Court employees are prohibited from giving you legal advice.

Chapter 7: Liquidation ($155.00 filing fee plus $30.00 administrative fee plus $15.00 trustee surcharge)

1. Chapter 7 is designed for debtors in financial difficulty who do not have the ability to pay their existing debts.
2. Under chapter 7 a trustee takes possession of all your property. You may claim certain of your property as exempt under governing law. The trustee then liquidates the property and uses the proceeds to pay your creditors according to priorities of the Bankruptcy Code.
3. The purpose of filing a chapter 7 case is to obtain a discharge of your existing debts. If, however, you are found to have committed the certain kinds of improper conduct described in the Bankruptcy Code, your discharge may be denied by the court, and the purpose for which you filed bankruptcy petition will be defeated.
4. Even if you receive a discharge, there are some debts that are not discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still be responsible for such debts as certain taxes and student loans, alimony and support payments, criminal restitution, and debts for death or personal injury caused by driving while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs.
5. Under certain circumstances you may keep property that you have purchased subject to a valid security interest. Your attorney can explain the options that are available to you.

Chapter 13: Repayment of All or Part of the Debts of an Individual with Regular Income ($155.00 filing fee plus $30.00 administrative fee)

1. Chapter 13 is designed for individuals with regular income who are temporarily unable to pay their debts but would like to pay them in installments over a period of time. You are only eligible for chapter 13 if your debts do not exceed certain dollar amounts set forth in the Bankruptcy Code.
2. Under chapter 13 you must file a plan with the court to repay your creditors all or part of the money that you owe them, using your future earnings. Usually, the period allowed by the court to repay your debts is three years, but no more than five years. Your plan must be approved by the court before it can take effect.
3. Under chapter 13, unlike chapter 7, you may keep all your property, both exempt and non-exempt, as long as you continue to make payments under the plan.
4. After completion of payments under your plan, your debts are discharged except alimony and support payments, student loans, certain debts including criminal fines and restitution and debts for death or personal injury caused by driving while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs, and long term secured obligations.

Chapter 11: Reorganization ($800.00 filing fee)

Chapter 11 is designed primarily for the reorganization of a business but is also available to consumer debtors. Its provisions are quite complicated, and any decision by an individual to file a chapter 11 petition should be reviewed with an attorney.

Chapter 12: Family Farmer ($200.00 filing fee)

Chapter 12 is designed to permit family farmers to repay their debts over a period of time from future earnings and is in many ways similar to a chapter 13. The eligibility requirements are restrictive, limiting its use to those whose income arises primarily from a family owned farm.

I, the debtor, affirm that I have read this notice.

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10:37 in the rules, which were provided a long, long time ago.

JUDGE PORTEOUS: I don't doubt that that's what the rules say, your Honor. I'm not taking issue with that. I'm taking issue with the fact that it's the first time I've been 10:37 given immunity, without ever seeing the document.

CHIEF JUDGE JONES: Well, with --

JUDGE PORTEOUS: I'm only asking for the rest of the day.

CHIEF JUDGE JONES: -- immunity is better than non 10:38 immunity, sir. Continuance is denied. You may take the stand.

JUDGE PORTEOUS: All right.

CHIEF JUDGE JONES: Thank you.

JUDGE LAKE: Raise your right hand to be sworn.

You do solemnly swear that the testimony you 10:38 shall give in this proceeding will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

JUDGE PORTEOUS: I do.

GABRIEL THOMAS PORTEOUS, JR., DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

10:38 BY MR. FINDER:

Q. Judge Porteous, a little background information, please.

You were a judge in the 24th Judicial District Court in the State of Louisiana from approximately 1984 to October 1994. Is that correct?

10:38 A. That's correct.

10:38 Q. And prior to taking that judicial office, you were employed as special counsel to the office of the Louisiana Attorney General from approximately 1971 to approximately 1973. Is that correct?

10:38 A. I believe that's correct.

Q. You were also a prosecutor and assistant district attorney of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, from approximately 1973 to 1975. Is that correct?

A. I'm sorry. Would you -- I'm sorry.

10:39 Q. I'm sorry. 1973 to approximately 1975?

A. I was what? I'm sorry.

Q. An assistant district attorney of Jefferson Parish?

A. I was an assistant DA from -- until I took the state bench.

Q. Okay. So, I'm incorrect, then?

10:39 A. I was an assistant DA from some -- some period of time, probably '73 through '84.

Q. Okay. And you were also city attorney for Harahan, Louisiana, from 1982 to 1984?

A. That sounds correct.

10:39 Q. Okay. You were nominated by the President of the United States on August 25th, 1994, to become a United States district judge. Is that correct?

A. Right.

Q. You were confirmed by the Senate on October 7th, 1994; and

10:39 at that time received your commission as a US district judge on

October 11th. Is that correct?
A. That is correct.
Q. And from that date to the present, you have been bound by the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, correct?
A. Correct.
MR. FINDER: Your Honors, I'm going to be walking up and back to use the Elmo; so, that's the reason I'm going to be a little mobile here.
THE WITNESS: Put it right here if you want.
MR. FINDER: Okay. Thank you, sir.
BY MR. FINDER:
Q. Judge Porteous, I've marked for identification --
JUDGE BENAVIDES: Mr. Finder, you're going to have to speak a little louder since you'll have your back to the reporter.
MR. FINDER: Oh, forgive me. All right.
BY MR. FINDER:
Q. I've marked for identification purposes only as Exhibit 80, a book called "Getting Started as a Federal Judge."
Judge Porteous, I'm going to -- this book, as you'll see, bears a date of July of 1997, approximately three years after you took the bench, correct?
A. It says that, yes.
Q. After you received your commission, Judge Porteous, you took an oath of office, correct?

10:41
A. Yes.
Q. And that's a statutory oath, is it not?
A. Correct.
Q. I'd ask you to read along with me.
10:41
A. I cannot -- well, go ahead.
Q. Okay. Well, let's try and make it --
A. Just read it. I can --
Q. Okay. "I, your name, do solemnly swear or affirm that I will administer justice without respect to persons and do equal
10:41
right to the poor and to the rich and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge or perform all the duties incumbent on me as a United States District Judge under the Constitution and laws of the United States and that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all
10:41
enemies, foreign and domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of which I am about to enter, so help me God."
10:42
Sir, is that the oath that you took?
A. Yes, it is.
Q. Are you familiar with this book or an earlier edition of it, sir?
A. I know we all have them in our chambers. I don't know that
10:42
I can tell you I've read every page of it.

10:42 Q. Okay. Let's go through a few provisions.

MR. FINDER: Can your Honors see that?

CHIEF JUDGE JONES: Barely.

MR. FINDER: Let me --

10:42 JUDGE LAKE: It's all right. No, that's better.

MR. FINDER: It's a little temperamental.

THE WITNESS: Oh, now that's much better.

MR. FINDER:

BY MR. FINDER:

10:42 Q. Okay. Your Honor, would you agree or disagree with these statements, "New judges should review the ethical guidelines set forth in the Code of Conduct for United States Judges and the financial disclosure requirements of the Ethics Reform Act of 1989"?

10:43 A. It says that.

Q. Do you agree with that?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you agree that once judges are assigned cases they have a continuing obligation to examine periodically their own

10:43 personal and fiduciary financial interests and those of their spouses and minor children?

A. I agree that's quoting what's in the paragraph.

Q. I know it's in there, but do you agree with what it says?

A. Yeah.

10:43 Q. Do you agree that, as a general matter, although judges are

not required to sever all ties to former clients and colleagues, they clearly must be vigilant if they continue such relationships?

A. I agree with that.

Q. Do you agree, under Canon 3 of the code of conduct, which addresses a judge's obligation to perform the duties of the judicial office impartially and diligently, requires judges to disqualify themselves in any proceeding in which their impartiality might be reasonably questioned?

A. I agree with that.

Q. Do you agree with Canon 3C of the code of conduct, that it addresses the general issue of disqualification and states that judges must disqualify themselves from all cases in which their impartiality might be reasonably questioned?

A. I agree.

Q. And, Judge Porteous, do you agree that all new judges should be mindful that they continue to be the subject of public attention in their activities after their appointment to the bench, thus, they should consider carefully whether participation in outside activities impinges upon their performance of their judicial responsibilities; as noted in commentary to Canon 2A of the Code of Conduct for US Judges, that judges must accept freely and willingly restrictions on their personal conduct and activities that might be viewed as burdensome by the ordinary citizen?

10:44 A. I agree.
Q. Sir, I'm going to show you what's Exhibit 18, which has been offered and accepted, the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, which I believe you said you're familiar with,
10:45 correct?
A. Yes.
JUDGE BENAVIDES: Speak up.
MR. FINDER: I'm sorry. Did I do it again?
BY MR. FINDER:
10:46 Q. The question was you are familiar with Exhibit 18, which is the Code of Conduct for US Judges. Correct?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. And this code applies to district judges, correct?
A. Right.
10:46 Q. And the judicial conference has authorized the Committee on the code of conduct to render advisory opinions concerning the application and interpretation of the code when requested by a judge to whom the code applies.
Have you ever asked that Committee for an
10:46 advisory opinion?
A. No.
Q. Are you familiar with Canon 1, your Honor, that a judge should uphold the integrity and independence of the judiciary?
A. Yes.
10:46 Q. And that an independent and honorable judiciary is

10:46 indispensable to justice in our society?
A. Yes.
Q. There's a commentary here, your Honor, "Deference to the judges and rulings of courts depends upon public confidence and
10:46 the integrity and independence of judges."
Skipping a line, "Although judges should be independent, they should comply with the law, as well as the provisions of this code."
Do you have any dispute with that statement --
10:47 those statements?
A. No, sir.
Q. Canon 2, "A judge should avoid the appearance of impropriety."
MR. FINDER: Can you try and make this -- can you all
10:47 see?
BY MR. FINDER:
Q. "A judge should respect and comply with the law and should act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary." Do you agree
10:47 with that statement, sir?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. Canon 2A, which you can read, was fairly summarized in the book we just talked about. Do you agree with that, about accepting -- that judges must accept certain restrictions in
10:47 their personal lives once they take the bench?

10:48 A. It seems to say that, yes.

JUDGE LAKE: Sir, I didn't hear your answer.

THE WITNESS: It seems to say that.

I'm sorry, Judge Lake.

10:48 JUDGE LAKE: Thank you.

BY MR. FINDER:

Q. And, then, in Canon 2A, a commentary, "Actual improprieties under this standard include violations of law, court rules, or other specific provisions of this code."Do you agree with that?

10:48 A. Yes, sir.

Q. Canon 3 says, "A judge should perform the duties of the office impartially and diligently."

Can you follow along with me to read this?

"The judicial duties of a judge takes precedence

10:48 over all other activities. In performing the duties prescribed by law, the judge should adhere to the following standards."

And, then, let's move over to Section C, under Disqualification. "A judge shall -- shall disqualify himself or herself in a proceeding in which the judge's impartiality

10:49 might reasonably be questioned."

A. Right.

Q. Okay. And then D, Remittal of Disqualification, "A judge disqualified by the terms of 3C(1) may, instead of withdrawing from the proceeding, disclose on the record the basis of

10:49 disqualification. If the parties and their lawyers, after such

10:49 disclosure and an opportunity to confer outside of the presence of the judge, all agree, in writing or on the record, that the judge should not be disqualified and the judge then is willing to participate, the judge may participate in the proceeding. 10:49 This agreement shall be incorporated in the record of the proceeding."

Did I read that accurately?

A. Yes.

Q. Were you familiar with this prior to the reading of this?

10:49 A. Yes.

Q. Okay. Canon 5, "A judge should regulate extra-judicial activities to minimize the risk of conflict with judicial duties."

Section C, A judge should -- under Financial 10:50 Activities, "A judge should refrain from financial and business dealings that tend to reflect adversely on the judge's impartiality, interfere with the proper performance of judicial duties, exploit the judicial position, or involve the judge in frequent transactions with lawyers or other persons likely to 10:50 come before the court on which the judge serves."

Were you aware of this provision before reading it today?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Is that a "yes," sir?

10:50 A. Yes, sir. I'm sorry.

10:50 Q. Okay. "A judge should not solicit or accept anything of value from anyone seeking official action from or doing business with the court or other entity served by the judge or from anyone whose interests may be substantially affected by
10:51 the performance or nonperformance of official duties."Did I read that accurately?

A. You did.

Q. "Except that a judge may accept a gift as permitted by the Judicial Conference gift regulations. A judge should endeavor
10:51 to prevent a member of the judge's family residing in the household from soliciting or accepting a gift except to the extent that a judge would be permitted to do so by the Judicial Conference gift regulations."

Did I read that accurately?

10:51 A. You did.

Q. And were you aware of this provision before reading it in court today?

A. In general, yes.

Q. And for purposes -- under (5), "For purposes of this
10:51 section, 'members of the judge's family residing in the judge's household' means any relative of a judge by blood or marriage or person treated by a judge as a member of the judge's family, who resides in the judge's household."

Did I read that correctly?

10:52 A. Yes, sir.

10:52 Q. And Number 6, "A judge should report" --
A. I can't see that.
Q. Oh, I'm sorry. Can you read that?
A. Yes.
10:52 Q. "A judge should report the value of any gift, bequest, favor, or loan as required by the statutes or by the Judicial Conference of the United States."
Did I read that correctly?
A. You absolutely did.
10:52 Q. And were you aware of that provision before?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. Under commentary to Rule 5, Canon -- it says, "Canon 5C. Canon 3 requires a judge to disqualify in any proceeding in which the judge has a financial interest, however small;
10:52 Canon 5 requires a judge to refrain from engaging in business and from financial activities that might interfere with the impartial performance of the judge's judicial duties; Canon 6 requires a judge to report all compensation received for activities outside the judicial office."
10:52 Did I read that accurately?
A. You did.
Q. And were you aware of that prior to today?
A. I'm sure I was. I'm sure I was. I'm sorry.
Q. Canon 6, "A judge should regularly file reports of
10:53 compensation received for law-related and extra-judicial

activities."

Section C, "Public Reports, A judge should make required financial disclosures in compliance with applicable statutes and Judicial Conference regulations and directives."

Did I read that accurately, sir?

A. You did.

Q. And you were aware of that prior to today, correct?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And, in fact, you have filed reports with the Administrative Office of the United States courts, haven't you?

A. I have.

Q. Now, these canons of ethics for judges, that I read to you, that you said you are familiar with, were not unlike the canons of ethics that you were bound by as a state district judge in Louisiana, correct?

A. I believe that's correct.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: Counsel, can I interrupt you just for a little while --

MR. FINDER: Yes, sir.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: -- and question Judge Porteous?

It struck me that we discussed immunity, and it struck me that Judge Porteous was advised that he would be granted immunity. And it struck me that this is going on, I think, in the belief that, but for that, he would not be testifying. But we have not, in the record, actually presented

his testimony with the understanding -- with the explicit understanding that immunity has been extended. And I don't want to get down the road where we don't have that in the record. But out of fairness, it would seem that is the reason that Judge Porteous is testifying.

So, for the record, you are proceeding with the request and asking for immunity for Judge Porteous?

MR. FINDER: You're absolutely correct, your Honor. I do have the actual original application for compulsion as well as the order of compulsion. Judge Porteous has a true and accurate copy, but I'm happy to give him the originals.

THE WITNESS: I've seen it, if it's the same one you gave me a copy of.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: I just want to get that straight because there is some formality usually associated with taking the Fifth Amendment.

MR. FINDER: Right. Right.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: But we've been going a long time on that basis, and I didn't want to have any misunderstanding.

MR. FINDER: As long as you bring it up, your Honor, I do need, without -- hopefully, without sounding didactic, I do need to make certain that the witness knows that, while this is a grant of use immunity coextensive with his Fifth Amendment rights, it would not prevent him any kind of immunity from false statement or perjury, just as in any case under 6001 and

10:55 6002 of the United States Code.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: All right.

CHIEF JUDGE JONES: And you're aware of that, Judge Porteous?

10:56 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.

MR. FINDER: May I proceed, your Honors?

CHIEF JUDGE JONES: Yes, sir.

MR. FINDER: What exhibit number is the Louisiana Code of Judicial Conduct? 86?

10:56 THE WITNESS: Can I just get a cup of water real quick?

CHIEF JUDGE JONES: Sure.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: Yes, Judge, you can bring the pitcher with you.

10:56 THE WITNESS: Oh, thank you. I don't want to knock something over.

MR. FINDER: I may have misspoke. It's Exhibit 85. Forgive me.

THE WITNESS: The list, other than this morning, that 10:57 I was provided, only went to Exhibit 84 as of Friday.

MR. WOODS: Right, and I gave you the updated list this morning.

THE WITNESS: Well, it's in the box somewhere.

MR. WOODS: No. It's on top of the box.

10:57 THE WITNESS: Maybe it is.

10:57 Okay. All right.

BY MR. FINDER:

Q. Mr. Porteous, I'm calling your attention to the Louisiana Code of Judicial Conduct, Canon 1. I believe you testified 10:57 you're familiar with these.

It states, "The Judge shall uphold the integrity and independence of the judiciary. An independent and honorable judiciary is indispensable to justice in our society."

10:57 And without taking up all the Court's time, I believe you -- will you agree with me that this language is almost verbatim of the language we just read from the canons of federal judicial --

A. It seems to be. Certainly similar.

10:58 Q. Very similar.

Secondly, Canon 2, "A judge shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety in all activities."

And I believe that language is also very similar 10:58 to what we just read, correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Canon 3, "A judge shall perform the duties of office impartially and diligently."

And, then, moving on to page -- to Section C of 10:58 that rule, which in the Louisiana version is titled

10:58 "Recusation, To Recuse."

It states, "A judge shall disqualify himself or herself in a proceeding to which the judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned and shall disqualify himself or
10:58 herself in a proceeding in which disqualification is required by law or applicable Supreme Court rule."

Did I read that accurately?

A. You did.

Q. And you are -- and these were the rules that you were bound
10:58 by as a judge in Louisiana, correct?

A. I believe that's correct.

Q. Canon 5, titled Extra-Judicial Activities, Section C, "A judge shall refrain from financial and business dealings that tend to reflect aversely on the judge's impartiality, interfere
10:59 with the proper performance of judicial duties, exploit the judge's judicial position, or involve the judge in frequent transactions with lawyers or persons likely to come before the court on which he or she serves."

Did I read that accurately?

10:59 A. You did.

Q. That's also similar to the canons of federal ethics, isn't it?

A. It is.

Q. Canon 6, "A judge shall not accept compensation or gifts
11:00 for quasi-judicial and extra-judicial activities, only under

restricted circumstances."

Section C, "Gifts. A judge, a judge's spouse, or member of the judge's immediate family residing in the judge's household shall not accept any gifts or favors which might reasonably appear as designed to affect the judgment of the judge or influence the judge's official conduct."

Did I read that accurately?

A. You did.

Q. And then there's also the Louisiana version of annual financial reporting, correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay. And I believe the amount was raised effective 2006. But even when you were a judge, it was a lower amount, correct?

A. I believe that's correct.

Q. The point is, Judge Porteous, in the more than two decades that you have been a judge, whether state or federal, you have been bound by very, very similar terms of judicial ethics canons, correct?

A. Yes, somewhat, of course.

Q. Judge Porteous, you were married to Carmella Porteous, who passed away December 22nd, 2005, correct?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long were you married, approximately?

A. Got married in '69. Thirty-six years.

Q. Isn't it true, Judge Porteous, that on March 28th, 2001,

you and your wife filed a voluntary Chapter 13 bankruptcy petition in this district, the Eastern District of Louisiana, in Docket Number 01-12363?

A. I know we filed, and I'm assuming that is the date number and the record number.

Q. I'll show you the actual petition.

A. That's okay. I mean --

Q. And is it also true that the trustee assigned to the file was SJ Beaulieu -- spelled B-E-A-U-L-I-E-U -- Jr.?

A. Correct.

Q. And your lawyer at the time was Claude C. Lightfoot -- spelled L-I-G-H-T-F-O-O-T -- Jr. Is that correct?

A. Correct.

Q. And you filed -- I'll show you what's part of Exhibit 1, Bates Number SC122.

A. What's the Bates number? I'm sorry.

Q. SC12 -- 00122. One of these days I'll get the hang of this.

A. That's fine.

Q. This is a voluntary petition that you filed. Isn't that correct, Judge?

And please look it over.

A. It appears to be.

Q. Okay. Under "Name of Debtor," it says "Ortous" -- spelled O-R-T-O-U-S -- comma, G, period, T, period, correct?

11:03 A. It does.
Q. And under "Name of Joint Debtor, Spouse," it's "Ortous" -- O-R-T-O-U-S -- comma, capital C, period, capital A, period, correct?
11:03 A. That's correct.
Q. It has as the street address of the debtor PO Box 1723 in Harvey, Louisiana, ZIP Code 70059-1723, correct?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. And the case number, the docket number, 01-12363, which I
11:03 believe I mentioned a few moments ago, correct?
A. I believe you did.
Q. Let me show you, Judge Porteous -- I'll come back to that.
Do you recognize this as an application for a PO box, Judge Porteous?
11:04 It's SC exhibit -- Special Committee Exhibit 23, Bates Number SC00599.
Do you recognize that, sir?
A. Yeah. If you tell me that's what it is, I agree. I mean --
11:04 Q. Well, but I can't testify; so, I have to ask you those questions.
A. I'm assuming it is an application for a post office box. I can't read the print, but I have no reason to doubt what you represent. I'm not trying to take issue. I agree.
11:04 Q. I know. I'm trying to be fair.

11:04 There's a signature here. Do you recognize that signature?

A. That's mine.

Q. That is your signature.

11:04 And it's dated March 20th, 2001, correct?

A. It is.

Q. Now, March 20th, 2001, was -- and we'll get to this in a moment -- just about a week before you filed your Chapter 13, correct?

11:05 A. What was the date?

Yeah. I agree. I mean --

Q. All right. And on your PO box request, you have an address here, 4801 --

A. "Neyrey."

11:05 Q. -- Neyrey -- N-E-Y-R-E-Y -- Drive in Metairie, Louisiana. That's your residence, correct?

A. That's correct.

Q. So, going back to Exhibit 1, the voluntary petition -- oh, wrong one -- the PO box that you have on here, you put in lieu

11:05 of your home address, correct?

A. That's correct.

Q. Now, this voluntary petition --

MR. WOODS: Larry, it's off.

MR. FINDER: Oh, thank you.

11:06 Can your Honors read that?

BY MR. FINDER:
Q. "Signature of debtor, individual" -- tell me if I'm reading this accurately -- "I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct." And there are two signatures with the date 3-28-01, correct?
A. That's correct.
Q. And 3-28-01 was about eight days after the PO box was taken out, correct?
A. That's correct.
Q. Your name is not Ortous, is it?
A. No, sir.
Q. Your wife's name is not Ortous?
A. No, sir.
Q. So, those statements that were signed -- so, this petition that was signed under penalty of perjury had false information, correct?
A. Yes, sir, it appears to.
Q. I'll show you something else on this petition, Judge Porteous. There's a list of unsecured creditors, and I'm referring now to Bates Number Page SC00126.
A. All right.
Q. Regions Bank?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. That's a bank you've done business with?
A. Yeah, I did some business with them.

11:07 Q. Right. And Regions Bank is on this voluntary petition, correct?
A. I assume that's the petition, yes, sir. I mean --
Q. Well, we'll go back to the first page.
11:07 A. Okay.
Q. Voluntary petition?
A. All right. Yeah, it's on there.
Q. But if Regions Bank or any other unsecured creditor such as these were to get word that a GT Ortous had filed bankruptcy,
11:08 they wouldn't necessarily know it was you, would they, unless they ran the Social Security number?
A. If they had have got notice, you're correct.
Q. Now, let's jump ahead a little bit. Still in Exhibit 1 --
A. All right.
11:08 Q. -- and I'm going to refer you and the Court to Bates Number SC120. This is an amended voluntary petition, is it not?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. This time the name of the debtor is Gabriel T. Porteous,
11:08 Jr. That's you, correct?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. And Carmella A. Porteous, the joint debtor, your wife, correct, sir?
A. Yes, sir.
11:08 Q. This time the address is 4801 Neyrey Drive, Metairie,

11:08 Louisiana, correct?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. This petition -- blow this up a little bit; that's about as clear as I can make it -- was signed by you and your wife on
11:09 April 9th. Those are your signatures, correct?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. And the date is April 9th, correct?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. And your attorney's name, Claude Lightfoot, is on there,
11:09 also?
A. Right.
Q. So, between -- strike that.
After your voluntary -- your amended petition was filed, there was an order of recusal entered in your bankruptcy
11:09 case, in the matter of Gabriel T. Porteous, Jr. and Carmella A. Porteous, an order of recusal -- I'm going to have to -- and the order, which was dated June 1st, 2001, says it is ordered that the three judges of the US Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, naming the three judges, are
11:10 hereby recused from the case, correct?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. And then procedurally, your case was temporarily assigned to Judge William R. Greendyke on assignment to the Eastern District of Louisiana, correct?
11:10 A. Right.

11:10 Q. And that's the same cause number?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. Signed by then Chief Judge Carolyn Dineen King of the Fifth Circuit, correct?
11:10 A. Right.
Q. I don't believe I stated the date. Judge Greendyke was assigned to this -- at least the order of Judge King assigns Judge Greendyke June 4th, 2001. Is that accurate?
A. Yes, sir.
11:11 Q. Judge Porteous, we've already talked about Claude Lightfoot being your attorney.
Jacob J. Amato, do you know Jacob Amato, Jake Amato?
A. Absolutely.
11:11 Q. He is a lawyer, correct?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. And he is a friend of yours. Isn't that correct?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. Warren A. Forstall, Jr., also known as Chip?
11:11 A. Yes, sir.
Q. He is a lawyer?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. And he is your friend, correct?
A. Yes, sir.
11:11 Q. Robert G. Creely, again, a lawyer and a friend of yours?

11:11 A. Yes, sir.
Q. Don C. Gardner, a lawyer and a friend of yours?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. Leonard L. -- also known as Lenny -- Levenson, your friend
11:11 and an attorney, right?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. Joseph Mole, an attorney?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. Not one of your close friends?
11:12 A. We've never gone anywhere together. That would be a
correct statement.
Q. And Rhonda Danos has been your -- D-A-N-O-S -- has been
your secretary and assistant for more than 20 years now,
correct?
11:12 A. Since I was on the state bench. Twenty-three years.
Q. Twenty-three years.
Okay. Judge Porteous, before you filed your
voluntary petition for bankruptcy in March of 2001, let's go
back to the year -- calendar year 2000.
11:13 A. All right.
Q. You had engaged Mr. Lightfoot as your counsel in the latter
part of 2000, correct?
A. I knew it was in 2000. I don't remember the exact date;
but if that's what you say, I'm sure it is.
11:13 Q. Well, I will refresh your recollection.

But would you agree with me that at least by November, December of 2000 he was your lawyer?

A. I believe that's correct, yeah.

Q. Now, after bankruptcy, you had a meeting with the trustee, SJ Beaulieu, correct?

A. After what?

Q. After bankruptcy was filed.

A. After it was filed, that's correct.

Q. And you recall that Mr. Beaulieu handed you a pamphlet called "Your Rights and Responsibilities in Chapter 13," which we have marked as the Committee's Exhibit 11?

A. I believe that's -- yeah, right.

Q. And it bears the name of Mr. Beaulieu and has his local New Orleans phone number?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. That is on Bates Page 399.

I'm sorry. I have my back to you.

A. All right.

Q. Calling your attention to this exhibit, there are enumerated paragraphs. Paragraph 6, follow me while I read. "Credit While in Chapter 13. You may not borrow money or buy anything on credit while in Chapter 13 without permission from the bankruptcy court. This includes the use of credit cards or charge accounts of any kind."

Did I read that accurately, sir?

11:14 A. You did.
Q. And do you recall reading that and discussing that with Mr. Beaulieu?
A. I don't specifically recall it, but I'm not saying it
11:14 didn't happen.
Q. All right. Do you recall, on or about May 9th, 2001, having a -- what's called a 341 bankruptcy hearing, where Mr. Beaulieu as trustee was present; your attorney, Mr. Lightfoot, was present; and you were present?
11:15 A. Yes, sir, I remember meeting with Mr. Beaulieu.
Q. And that meeting was recorded, if you -- do you recall that?
A. I believe that's correct, yeah, tape recorded.
Q. Right.
11:15 Do you recall Mr. Beaulieu stating the following? "Any charge cards that you may -- you have you cannot use any longer. So, basically, you're on a cash basis now.
"I have no further questions except have you made your first payments."
11:15 Did I read that accurately?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. So, you were told by Mr. Beaulieu that you couldn't incur any more credit there, on credit cards, correct?
A. I'm not sure it was there, but I'm sure it was part of the
11:16 explanation at some point.

11:16 Q. Well, going back to --
A. When you ask -- I only meant in reference to the statement.
Yes, it's --
Q. Right.
11:16 A. -- contained in there, and I knew that.
Q. And it was your understanding -- and that's what I'm trying to find out, sir -- that you couldn't incur more credit while in bankruptcy, correct?
A. That's correct.
11:16 Q. Okay. Now, on June 2nd, are you familiar with the order signed by Bankruptcy Judge Greendyke?
And this is from Exhibit 1, Bates Number SC50, Exhibit 1 being the certified copy of the bankruptcy file.
"It is ordered that," going down to Number 4,
11:16 "the debtors shall not incur additional debt during the term of this plan except upon written approval of the trustee."
Did I read that correctly?
A. You did.
Q. Was that your understanding at the time?
11:17 A. In the order, it was.
JUDGE LAKE: What's the date of that document?
MR. FINDER: July 2nd, 2001, was the docket date. It was signed by Judge Greendyke June 28th, 2001.
JUDGE LAKE: Thank you.
11:17 BY MR. FINDER:

11:18 Q. Judge Porteous, we talked a little bit about the Ethics in Government Act earlier, the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, which has to do with your judicial filings. Under Title 5, United States Code Appendix Section 101, et seq., "Judicial
11:18 officers" -- and tell me if you agree with this -- "Judicial officers shall include a full and complete statement with respect to the source, type, and amount or value of income from any source, other than the current employment by the United States, received during the preceding calendar year aggregating
11:18 $200 or more in value."

Is that your understanding, sir?

A. Right.

Q. And the law goes on to state that it must be reported -- "the identity of the source, a brief description, and the value
11:18 of all gifts aggregating more than $250, received from any source other than a relative of the reporting individual during the preceding calendar year."

A. Yes, sir.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: For what year is that?

11:19 MR. FINDER: This is just from the statute, your Honor.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: All right. I think those gift amounts vary from year to year.

MR. FINDER: Actually, they were lower; and these are
11:19 the current amounts.

11:19 BY MR. FINDER:
Q. So, what -- the amounts I just read to you apply to today. When you first took the bench, presumably they were slightly lower?
11:19 A. Presumably, yes.
Q. Okay. And these have to do with income and gifts?
A. Right.
Q. As I just read?
A. Yes, sir.
11:20 Q. Judge Porteous, you're familiar with the term "marker," aren't you?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. Would it be fair to state that, "A marker is a form of credit extended by a gambling establishment, such as a casino, 11:20 that enables the customer to borrow money from the casino. The marker acts as the customer's check or draft to be drawn upon the customer's account at a financial institution. Should the customer not repay his or her debt to the casino, the marker authorizes the casino to present it to the financial 11:20 institution or bank for negotiation and draw upon the customer's bank account any unpaid balance after a fixed period of time." Is that accurate?
A. I believe that's correct and probably was contained in the complaint or -- or the second complaint. There's a definition 11:20 contained.

11:20 Q. And you have no quarrel with the definition?
A. No, sir.
Q. Okay. Judge Porteous, if markers are a form of borrowing or an extension of credit, by definition, would you agree that
11:21 from approximately August 20th to 21st, a two day period in 2001, you borrowed approximately $8,000 from Treasure Chest Casino in Kenner, Louisiana, by taking out approximately eight 1,000-dollar markers over a two day period?
A. Well, did I sign $8,000 worth of markers? You have records
11:21 that suggest I did that. I agree with you.
Q. Okay.
A. The issue is that we haven't -- I have an issue with whether that's credit. The statement itself says it acts like a check against your account. Now, I did not have an
11:21 8,000-dollar line of credit at -- where was that? Treasure Chest?
Q. Treasure Chest. I didn't ask you about a line of credit, though.
A. I understand, but I'm explaining to you why that's
11:21 misrepresentative.
Q. Okay. Well --
A. Those are just repetitive 1,000 -- had I written a check for a thousand, I do not believe I would have been in violation of any court order.
11:22 JUDGE BENAVIDES: But you're saying that you didn't

not -- for instance, you could not sign a marker for $8,000 because that was above your limit but that would not have precluded you from making out eight different markers for $1,000 during a two day period?

THE WITNESS: Only if that line -- only if I had the funds for the line of credit. In other words, I may have signed a thousand dollar marker, played a little while, won, paid it back. That's what it sounds like to me.

I have no specific recollection of that, Judge. But that's what I'm saying, yes, sir.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: So, you're not disputing that there may have been eight markers for $1,000. What you're saying is that at any one time you dispute that you owed $8,000.

THE WITNESS: That's correct, your Honor. I couldn't get it. I mean --

JUDGE BENAVIDES: I understand what you mean.

BY MR. FINDER:

Q. Judge Porteous, I'm going to show you what's from Exhibit 54, Bates Number SC1436. These are records from the Treasure Chest Casino in Kenner, Louisiana. And we'll have more testimony about this later through Agent Horner.

But just by way of illustration, you see where it has "MRK," "marker"?

A. Right.

Q. And it shows various 1,000-dollar markers?

11:23 A. Uh-huh.
Q. And remember, these were taken out August 20 and 21, the dates --
A. Well, that's not those dates.
11:23 Q. That's the wrong page. Here we go.
JUDGE LAKE: What exhibit is that?
MR. FINDER: It's SC1438. I had the wrong page.
MR. WOODS: Exhibit 54.
MR. FINDER: Exhibit 54.
11:23 BY MR. FINDER:
Q. August 21st, '01, you were in Chapter 13 bankruptcy, correct?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. Let's look at this entry. "MK" for "marker"?
11:23 A. Uh-huh.
Q. Taken out August 21 in the amount of a thousand dollars?
A. Uh-huh.
Q. Paid back September 9th, correct?
A. If that's what it says, yeah.
11:24 Q. That's what it says.
Next entry highlighted, marker, 8-21-01, apparently paid back right way?
A. Right.
Q. Next marker, also -- also for a thousand dollars, not paid
11:24 back till September 9th?

11:24 A. All right.
Q. Next marker, August 21, a thousand dollars, not paid back till September 15, correct?
A. It looks like that, yeah. Yeah.
11:24 Q. This is --
A. Yes. I got it.
Q. I don't think it's going to --
JUDGE LAKE: So, the net effect of this was that $3,000 of the 8,000 was paid back at a later date. Is that
11:24 what the document shows?
MR. FINDER: Yes, sir.
JUDGE LAKE: Approximately within a month of that?
MR. FINDER: That's correct. It wasn't just taking out a marker and paying it back within hours or the same day.
11:25 JUDGE LAKE: So, 5,000 was paid back; 3,000 was some -- some form of extension of credit?
MR. FINDER: That's correct, that's what this record tends to show.
JUDGE BENAVIDES: So, let's say on March 21st at the
11:25 end of the day there would have been outstanding balance on the markers --
MR. FINDER: That's correct.
JUDGE BENAVIDES: -- for a debt exceeding the $1,000?
MR. FINDER: Yes, sir.
11:25 JUDGE BENAVIDES: And you could actually figure this

11:25 out on a daily basis?

MR. FINDER: Yes, sir. And we'll get into greater detail on that later but this is an introduction to it and that is correct.

11:25 BY MR. FINDER:

Q. We could do the same exercise for all of them for -- that are listed in the charge. For example, on October 13th, 2001, you borrowed approximately a thousand dollars Treasure Chest in the form of two 500-dollar markers.

11:26 Yeah, here it is.

MR. FINDER: That's the best I can do. I hope you can read it.

BY MR. FINDER:

Q. And those apparently were paid back the same day, correct?

11:26 A. Yes, sir.

CHIEF JUDGE JONES: What page number is that?

MR. FINDER: This is Page 1437.

CHIEF JUDGE JONES: Okay.

BY MR. FINDER:

11:27 Q. But, then, on October 17th and 18th -- and I'm talking about the same exhibit, Pages 1436 and '37 -- there were -- can you read this, Judge Porteous?

A. If you'll stop moving it, I might be able to.

Q. I don't mean to get you dizzy.

11:27 A. Yeah. Two 500. Well, five --

11:27 Q. Okay. On October 17th and 18th, you borrowed in excess of $5900 from Treasure Chest, taking out approximately ten markers of various denominations over the two days, 4400 of which was paid back on November 9th. Do you recall that?

11:27 A. I don't recall it. I'm sorry.

That's what year?

Q. If that's what the records show, though, you don't dispute it?

A. If that's what the record says, the record says it.

11:28 Q. Okay. We'll go into that with Agent Horner.

JUDGE LAKE: Do you have a summary exhibit which shows what the -- the dates the items were paid? In other words, there's a portion of this 5900 apparently was repaid the same day and the balance was paid the next month?

11:28 MR. FINDER: We believe our FBI witnesses will be able to summarize that. This was just an introduction to it.

MR. WOODS: To answer your question, we do not have a specific chart summarizing that but we do have charts summarizing gambling debt.

11:28 JUDGE BENAVIDES: But the records themselves reflect the date of payment?

MR. WOODS: Yes, sir.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: So, whether we have a summary person or not, we could figure those things out?

11:28 MR. FINDER: They're all --

11:28 MR. WOODS: The agent will tell us.

JUDGE LAKE: You might ask the agent to be attuned to do that.

MR. FINDER: I think he's been so instructed.

11:29 BY MR. FINDER:

Q. We've talked about the filing of your bankruptcy, your Honor, and not incurring new debt. That was in the pamphlet, that was in the court order, and that was in the recorded hearing. Do you remember those?

11:29 A. Yes, sir.

Q. Okay. Judge Porteous, on March 28th --

A. What year?

Q. 2001.

A. Okay.

11:29 Q. Following the filing of your Chapter 13 bankruptcy petition, you and Mrs. Porteous did, in fact, incur additional credit card debt on your Fleet Credit Card. Do you recall that?

A. I do not recall that. I believe the exhibit says it's my

11:29 wife's card, but I don't remember that.

Q. Your wife was your co-debtor on the bankruptcy petition, was she not?

A. She was.

Q. And the bankruptcy -- we'll get into this later; but the

11:29 bankruptcy schedule required all credit cards, everything, to

11:30 be scheduled, to be listed, correct?
A. Right.
And what date was that? March 28th, you said? I'm sorry.
11:30 Q. March 28th, 2001 --
A. Yes.
Q. -- following the bankruptcy, the original petition, correct?
A. Yes.
11:30 Q. All right. Now, as of March 5th -- and I'm referring to Exhibit 21 -- okay. Showing you what's Exhibit 21, a statement from Fleet Credit Card, Judge.
A. Right.
Q. You'll notice that it's Account Number [redacted], correct?
11:30 A. Yes, sir.
Q. And from Fleet Credit Card Service for the account of Carmella Porteous, right?
A. Right.
11:31 Q. Now, if you look at these dates under the account transactions, you'll see from March 5th through March 19th, correct?
A. I can't see it, but I'm satisfied it says that. I just can't see --
11:31 Q. Well --

11:31 A. I'm not disputing it says that, counsel.
Q. All right. This is -- March 5th is right before the bankruptcy, right?
A. Yes, sir.
11:31 Q. March 19th we're in the bankruptcy -- we're into the bankruptcy period, correct?
A. Well, before the bankruptcy was filed; but you're right.
Q. March 28th. If you'll look at March 8th, you'll see that this credit card in the amount of $157.99 was used at Harrah's
11:31 Casino in New Orleans.
Well, maybe you can't see it; but I'll be happy to show you.
A. No. I'm satisfied you're not misrepresenting it.
MR. WOODS: Your Honor, you have documents in the
11:32 boxes, that he's using, if you want to refer to them.
THE WITNESS: Well, I don't want to -- I have to stay up here. I don't want to necessarily -- I mean, I'm not --
MR. WOODS: I could move them there if you want me to.
THE WITNESS: I don't dispute he's reading this
11:32 correctly. I jut -- he asked me could I see it, and I just can't see it.
BY MR. FINDER:
Q. Now, again, bankruptcy was March 28th, the amended petition was April 9th, correct?
11:32 A. Right.

11:32 Q. I'm going to show you now, Judge Porteous, from Exhibit 1 the Chapter 13 schedules and plan.
A. All right.
Q. This will be a little bigger and easier to read, hopefully.
11:32 This is in your case, with your docket number, submitted by Claude Lightfoot, your attorney, correct?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. And I wish you did have it in front of you, and I'll show you mine.
11:33 A. I'll pull it out if it's --
Q. But I would like you to tell me where Fleet Credit Card is listed in here on the schedule of your credit cards.
A. Well, if it's not listed, it's not listed.
Q. So, you'll take my word it's not listed?
11:33 A. Yeah.
Q. Okay.
A. I don't know whether it was in existence, whether it was paid off or not. I don't know anything about that. I mean, as I'm sitting here, I don't recall.
11:33 Q. Well, whether it was paid off or not -- let's look at the schedule -- I believe it's at Schedule F -- which lists numerous credit cards --
A. All right.
Q. -- such as American Express at Surety Bank, Bank of
11:34 Louisiana MasterCard, Chase Platinum MasterCard, Citibank

11:34 Advantage, Citibank Advantage. The list goes on.
A. Right.
Q. This is in alphabetical order. Fleet does not appear, correct?
11:34 A. Does not appear.
Q. And is it your testimony that if it was paid off it wouldn't have to be on this list? If you had a zero balance on the date this was filed, it wouldn't have to be on the list?
A. Well, it was not a -- if there was no debt, they weren't a
11:34 credit, to my understanding. It says "creditors' names." The ones you -- as I understood, the instruction was that you owed money to.
Q. Well, when you use a credit card, it's an extension of credit, correct?
11:34 A. Correct.
Q. So, you pay it?
A. Right.
Q. So, if it's not on this list because it has a zero balance and then you use it to go to JC Penney or the casino and you
11:34 rack up credit on it, that's incurring credit, incurring debt?
A. That's incurring additional credit, correct.
Q. Okay.
JUDGE LAKE: Was credit extended on that account after the date of the bankruptcy filing?
11:35 MR. FINDER: I think the evidence -- they were

showing, Judge, that the card was not listed but was used as a credit card after the date of the bankruptcy and the amended petition of bankruptcy.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: So, it wasn't included in the list of creditors while the card had been used before and -- before the petition was filed and prior to the payment that was made for the charge upon the card?

MR. FINDER: That's correct.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: So, you're contending there was a transaction existing --

MR. FINDER: That's my next exhibit.

JUDGE LAKE: It was used -- I guess to follow up, and it was used after the bankruptcy filing? Is that what you said?

MR. FINDER: Yes, sir. That's my next exhibit.

JUDGE LAKE: All right. Sorry.

BY MR. FINDER:

Q. From Exhibit 21, also --

A. All right.

Q. -- Bates Page 592, again, same account number, Fleet Credit Card, your wife's name?

A. Right.

Q. Now, it shows here purchases and cash advances, $734.31, correct?

A. Yes, sir.

11:36 Q. Do you see that?

Okay. And this credit card was used throughout the month of May and June, correct?

You can see the entries on the left-hand side, 11:36 highlighted in the yellow, one of whom -- one entry which is in red for the Treasure Chest, which is a casino, is it not?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And that's $174.99, correct?

A. That's what it says.

11:36 Q. So, if it's on this statement, that means there was an extension of credit, correct?

A. That appears to be correct.

Q. Okay. Moving on to the next month's statement, also from Exhibit 21, Bates Page 593, would you agree, Judge Porteous, 11:36 this is the same account, same account number?

A. (Nodding head.)

Q. Is that a "yes"?

A. Yeah.

Q. Okay. And from June 15th to July 18th -- and this is the 11:37 best copy we have. So, I know it's a little hard to read. This card was used, including for Harrah's in New Orleans, for $91.99 and Treasure Chest for $68.99. I'll be happy to show you this.

A. No. I'm satisfied that's what you're reading.

11:37 Q. All right. Judge Porteous, are you aware that -- strike

11:38 that.

Let's go back to the Chapter 13 schedules and plans, which, again, is from Exhibit 1, starting with Bates Number 91.

11:38 Judge Porteous, would you agree that you did conceal assets and income from the bankruptcy estate and from your attorney by filing false and misleading schedules with the bankruptcy court and signing them under penalty of perjury?

A. I would not agree with that.

11:39 Q. All right.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: Counsel, I hesitate to interrupt you. And perhaps you will get into this at a later time; but before we leave Fleet, your record evidence suggests that a number of charges on Mrs. Porteous' card prior to and during

11:39 the time that the bankruptcy petition or case was on file --

MR. FINDER: Yes.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: -- with the bankruptcy judge. Do you intend at a later time or not to present evidence with respect to payments made with -- during that period of time and

11:39 when the payments were made and how the -- and who made those payments?

MR. FINDER: We do intend to show evidence that the card was paid off in full through a check by Rhonda Danos. But I'm just not there yet, but I will get there.

11:40 JUDGE BENAVIDES: All right. So, you'll get to that

and who -- who authorized payments and things like that?

MR. FINDER: Yes, sir.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: The judge had mentioned something about it was his wife's account, and I wanted to --

MR. FINDER: That's correct.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: All right.

BY MR. FINDER:

Q. All right. Judge Porteous, again, from the Exhibit 1, starting with Bates Number 91 --

A. All right.

Q. -- the Chapter 13 schedule and plan, we've already talked about?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Okay. Let's go through this for a moment.

Under Schedule B, "Personal Property."

A. All right.

Q. "Type of property, checking, savings, or other financial accounts, certificates of deposit, shares in banks, savings and loan, thrift, building and loan, homestead association, or credit unions, brokerage houses, or cooperatives."Did I read that accurately?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And you listed Bank One Checking Account [redacted]. Is that correct?

A. That's correct.

11:41 Q. And the current value of that interest is $100, correct?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. And that's on Page 95?
A. Bates Page 95.
11:41 Q. Bates Page 95. Bates Page 96, Schedule B, Question 17, "Other liquidated debts -- other liquidated debts owing debtor, including tax refunds, give particulars." And in the next box, it's checked off "none," correct?
A. Yes, sir.
11:42 Q. Attached to this exhibit, starting on Bates Page 112, the statement of financial affairs, are you familiar with that, sir?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. And on the last page of that statement of financial
11:42 affairs, with Bates Number SC116?
A. Right.
Q. "I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the answers contained in the foregoing statement of financial affairs and any attachments thereto and they are true and
11:42 correct," dated April 9th, '01, the date of the amended petition, signed by you and your wife, correct?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. So, you would agree with me, Judge Porteous, this is a document that had a jurat that required that it be signed --
11:43 well, that it be signed under penalty of perjury, correct?

11:43 A. Yes, sir. You just read that.
Q. Right. There was another one. This -- that had to do with statement of financial affairs.
On Page 111, "Declaration concerning debtors'
11:43 schedules," just about the schedules. Now, "Declaration under penalty of perjury by individual debtor," it states, "I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing summary and schedules consisting of 16 sheets plus the line summary page and that they are true and correct to the best of my
11:43 knowledge, information, and belief," dated April 9th, '01, signed by you and your wife, correct?
A. Right.
Q. Isn't it true, Judge Porteous, that although you replied "none" to "tax returns," that you and your wife filed for a
11:44 federal tax refund on March 23rd, 2001, in the amount of $4,143.72, which was just five days before your original Chapter 13 petition was filed? Do you recall that?
A. I know we filed for a tax refund.
Q. All right. Let me show it to you.
11:44 Exhibit 24, do you recognize this as being your 1040 return?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. For tax year -- for 2000 --
A. 2000.
11:44 Q. -- correct?

11:44 And this is Bates Page 600?

A. Right.

Q. This is going to be tough to read, but feel free to look at your copy.

11:45 Under the section "Refund," which is sort of cut off on my copy, Line 67a, "Amount of Line 66 you want refunded to you, $4,143.72" --

A. Yes, sir.

Q. -- correct?

11:45 It's signed, again under penalty of perjury, by you and your wife on March 23rd, 2001, correct?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And has your occupation as judge and your wife -- your wife's occupation as housewife?

11:45 A. Right.

Q. And this is on Page 601, correct, Bates page?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. March 23rd, 2001, less than a week before you filed Chapter 13, correct?

11:45 A. Yes, sir.

Q. And on your schedule, you put that you had no refund?

A. When that was listed, you're right.

Q. Okay. From your Exhibit 25, from your Bank One bank account, Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., Account [redacted] --

11:46 actually, that number is a little bit different than the one

11:46 that was on the schedule. Maybe there was a typo.

If you look on Schedule B that we've read before, this account starts with [redacted], but the actual statement has a different few numbers that start. Probably just a typo, 11:46 don't you think?

A. I know there's bottom numbers on those checks. I always called that account, I think, 00.

Q. All right. Now, going back to this Exhibit 25 --

A. Uh-huh.

11:47 Q. And I regret that I can't get this clearer; but it shows on April 13th, a deposit of an IRS tax refund of $4,143.72, correct?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And that deposit was April 13th?

11:47 A. Yes, sir.

Q. Just four days after your amended return was filed, correct?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Your amended return was April 9th?

11:47 A. Yes, April 9th.

Q. But nothing was mentioned on that return?

A. No. I know I called my -- I called Claude when I got it. And by Claude, I meant Mr. Lightfoot. I'm sorry.

Q. You discussed that with Mr. Lightfoot?

11:47 A. I did.

11:48 Q. Did he tell you not to put it on the return?
A. No, no. I discussed that I received the refund, what should I do with it.
Q. What did Mr. Lightfoot tell you?
11:48 A. Said, "If the trustee didn't put a lien on it, put it in your account; but they may -- they may ask for it back."
Q. But, Judge Porteous, that schedule was signed under penalty of perjury.
A. It was omitted. I don't know how it got omitted. There
11:48 was no intentional act to try and defraud somebody. It just got omitted. I don't know why.
We had been fighting this, trying not to go into bankruptcy for a long time. And I don't know. It just didn't appear on the schedule.
11:48 Q. Okay.
JUDGE BENAVIDES: How many days before the schedule was made that omitted that was the request for refund made of the filing?
MR. FINDER: About five days, five days from the
11:49 original petition, your Honor. The schedule was on the amended petition and --
JUDGE BENAVIDES: Well, I'm trying to get the difference in date between the date he signs the statement saying he has no refund coming --
11:49 MR. FINDER: Right.

11:49 JUDGE BENAVIDES: -- and the date that he asked for a refund from -- on his tax return.

MR. FINDER: Right. The original petition was filed -- it was about five days before the original petition.

11:49 JUDGE BENAVIDES: All right.

MR. FINDER: Right. And the schedule was April 9th, but -- and it was listed -- it was not listed on it. It was listed as "none."

BY MR. FINDER:

11:49 Q. Okay. Judge Porteous, let's go back to Schedule B, Question 2 --

A. All right.

Q. -- where it says, "checking, savings or other financial accounts."

11:50 A. Right.

Q. And you listed a hundred dollars?

A. Right.

Q. Can you see -- okay. And again, this was in April, right?

A. Yeah.

11:50 Q. Okay. April 9th?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And we have -- do you recall, Judge Porteous, owning a Fidelity money market account, Account Number [redacted]?

A. Right.

11:50 Q. Okay. Let me show you, Judge Porteous, Exhibit 28.

11:51
A. All right.
Q. Which is your Fidelity money market account, correct?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. And this is for you and your wife, correct?
11:51
A. Right.
Q. The account number I just read, correct?
A. Right.
Q. Statement period March 21, 2000, through April 20th, 2000 -- I'm sorry, 2001 through April 20th, 2001, correct?
11:51
A. Right.
Q. And you see on March 28th, Check Number 581 for $283.42, your balance, right? That was your balance in that account?
A. That's what it says, that's correct.
Q. Okay. Yet, on your bankruptcy schedule, you put that the
11:51
account -- this was the day before bankruptcy; and on your bankruptcy schedule you put you only had a hundred dollars in the account, correct?
A. It appears this is the Fidelity account.
Q. Right.
11:51
A. And since it's not listed, for some reason it didn't appear, apparently, on my bankruptcy, because only Bank One appeared, it looks like.
Q. Okay.
A. Although, I thought I told Claude about all the -- I only
11:52
had two.

11:52 Q. Well, your attorney told you to get all your records --
A. Right.
Q. -- and make --
A. I could have sworn --
11:52 Q. Correct.
A. I honestly believed we told Claude about Fidelity. There was really no reason not to tell him about Fidelity. The account at any given time which would have had the most money would have been the Bank One account because my checks were
11:52 deposited in there.
JUDGE LAKE: Mr. Finder, I'm not clear. Are we talking about the difference in the Bank One disclosure and --
MR. FINDER: No. It wasn't listed, Judge, and was an account -- there was more money than was listed on the
11:52 schedule.
JUDGE LAKE: You're saying the account was not disclosed at all?
MR. FINDER: I don't believe it was.
CHIEF JUDGE JONES: Fidelity or Bank One?
11:52 MR. FINDER: Bank One was -- Bank One was disclosed.
CHIEF JUDGE JONES: For too small an amount?
MR. FINDER: Right.
CHIEF JUDGE JONES: Fidelity was not disclosed?
MR. FINDER: Correct.
11:53 JUDGE LAKE: And where in the charge is Fidelity

11:53 referred to? That's the question.

MR. FINDER: I believe it was in -- on Page 12. It's not -- the name of the institution isn't in there, but that's --

11:53 JUDGE BENAVIDES: How much was in Fidelity at the time of the filing?

MR. FINDER: The balance on the day before bankruptcy was $283.42.

JUDGE LAKE: So, that's the last bullet point on Page 11:53 12, is the Fidelity account?

MR. FINDER: Yes, sir.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: And, then, the one that was listed --

MR. FINDER: The Bank One for a hundred, I believe 11:53 we'll have more evidence later on that.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: Okay. That's not here yet.

THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, Judge?

JUDGE BENAVIDES: That's not presently before us. I think Mr. Finder is saying he's getting to that later.

11:53 MR. FINDER: Actually, in the charge, we had a balance of 280 and the actual amount was $283.42; so, there was a $3.42 variance.

BY MR. FINDER:

Q. Now, Judge Porteous, we already discussed, from Exhibit 1, 11:54 Bates Page 112, the statement of financial affairs and the

jurat that had to be -- it was being signed under penalty of perjury. Do you remember that?

A. Right.

Q. Okay. And on this page it says, "Payments to creditors. List all payments on loans, installment purchases of goods or services, and other debts aggregating more than $600 to any creditor made within 90 days immediately preceding the commencement of this case."

And then in parenthesis, "Married debtors filing under Chapter 12 or Chapter 13 must include payments by either/or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed."

Did I read that accurately?

A. You did.

Q. And where it requests the name and address of the creditors, it just says "Normal Installments," correct?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Let's go back to our Fleet Credit Card, Exhibit 29.

And, again, here is a -- sorry. I had the wrong page. Give me a moment. Here it is.

This is the account number we discussed before, correct, from the Fleet Credit Card for Mrs. Porteous?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. The balance of $1,088.41, correct?

11:56 A. That's what it says, yes, sir.
Q. That's what it says.
And the date of this statement -- under the account number, it has payment due date April 15th, 2001, with
11:56 a new balance of 1088.41, correct?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. Now, the next statement, for the end of March and April, shows past due amount zero because of the previous balance a thousand -- there was a previous balance of 1,088.41. Do you
11:57 see that?
A. All right. Yes, sir.
Q. And then there was a payment recorded by the credit card company on March 29th, 2001?
A. All right.
11:57 Q. Of 1,088.41?
A. Right.
MR. FINDER: Your Honor, this is what you were getting at a little earlier.
BY MR. FINDER:
11:57 Q. Plus charges -- new charges for GameCash. Is that a casino?
A. Is what? I'm sorry.
Q. GameCash?
A. I'm sure it is.
11:57 Q. Biloxi, Mississippi?

11:57 A. Sounds like it.
Q. And Beau Rivage Hotel in Biloxi, that's a casino, isn't it?
A. It is.
Q. For $215.99 and $231, respectively, correct?
11:57 A. Yes, sir, that's what it reflects.
Q. So, that was not listed on your schedule, was it, that payment?
A. No, sir.
JUDGE LAKE: Which payment?
11:58 MR. FINDER: The Fleet.
JUDGE LAKE: Where --
MR. FINDER: I'm sorry?
JUDGE LAKE: Where are you referring when you say, "That payment was not listed on your schedule"?
11:58 MR. FINDER: On page --
JUDGE LAKE: Are you referring to the 1,088 payment?
MR. FINDER: That's correct.
JUDGE LAKE: What about the subsequent payments?
MR. FINDER: Well, the 1,088, which was paid right
11:58 before the bankruptcy was filed -- at the time of the bankruptcy filing, was not listed even though the schedule called for all such payments prior to the filing of bankruptcy. And this is the payment that --
CHIEF JUDGE JONES: Well, then new charges were
11:58 incurred at the casino?

11:58 MR. FINDER: Among other places.

CHIEF JUDGE JONES: After -- yes, after.

Mr. Finder, we're going to take a break around noon; so, you have about five minutes.

11:58 MR. FINDER: Okay. Thank you.

BY MR. FINDER:

Q. Judge Porteous, do you recall obtaining two 1,000-dollar markers -- we may have -- we touched on this earlier -- 2,000 -- two 1,000-dollar markers from Grand Casino Gulfport on 11:59 or about February 27th, 2001, which were deposited against your bank account on April 4th, one week after the filing of your Chapter 13 petition?

Do you have an independent recollection of that?

A. No, I do not have an independent recollection.

11:59 Q. Or five days before the amended voluntary petition?

A. I do not have an independent recollection of that.

Q. All right.

MR. FINDER: Judges, this may be a good place to stop before I go on to the next area, as long as we're going to 11:59 break for lunch.

CHIEF JUDGE JONES: Okay. We'll take about an hour.

THE WITNESS: 1:00 o'clock, your Honor?

CHIEF JUDGE JONES: Yes, sir.

THE WITNESS: Judge, just for my own information, what 12:00 time will we be going till today? I'm not --

12:00 CHIEF JUDGE JONES: We think until around 5:00.
THE WITNESS: Okay. I just was asking. That's all.
CHIEF JUDGE JONES: Yes.
THE WITNESS: Thank you.
12:00 CHIEF JUDGE JONES: All right. Thank you.
We'll be in recess.
(Recess taken from 12:00 p.m. to 1:05 p.m.)
CHIEF JUDGE JONES: Be seated, please. We're ready to resume.
01:04 MR. FINDER: Your Honors, I would like to clarify a couple questions you had asked me at the bench.
BY MR. FINDER:
Q. Judge Porteous, let me call your attention again to Schedule B.
01:05 JUDGE LAKE: I can't hear you.
MR. FINDER: Oh, I'm sorry.
JUDGE LAKE: Just pretend there is a whole platoon out here awaiting your instructions.
JUDGE BENAVIDES: You may proceed. She has indicated
01:05 she'll be right back.
MR. FINDER: Oh, okay. Okay. Your Honors had asked me a question regarding one of the matters about the Bank One bank account, the hundred dollars. I don't recall which one of you asked me, but it was in regard to Number 22 in the charge
01:05 on Page 12; and I wanted to clarify that.

01:05
BY MR. FINDER:
Q. Judge Porteous, let me call your attention again, please, to Schedule B --
A. Okay.
01:05
Q. -- Number 2, the check where you were asked to list your checking accounts.
JUDGE BENAVIDES: I'm sorry, counsel. I can't hear you.
MR. FINDER: I'm sorry, Judge.
11:59
BY MR. FINDER:
Q. Call your attention to Schedule B, where you're asked -- Number 2, where you're asked to list your checking accounts and I believe you put Bank One and a checking account number for $100. I believe we established that the account number had a
01:06
typographical error and was close but not exact.
Do you recall that?
A. All I think that meant was that the -- at the bottom of the check, the banks use additional numbers. I think it was 690 would have been left out is all.
01:06
Q. That's fine. You're correct.
I'm going to show you now from Exhibit 27, which we've already referenced but I -- there's a line on here I had not referenced. This is from your Bank One statement. You can see your name on there with the actual account number; and the
01:06
date of the statement is March 23rd to April 23rd, 2001.

01:06 It says, "Summary of Account Balance." The balance as of April 23rd, which is the last day of the statement period, was $5,493.91. April 23rd being five days before the amended petition was filed, correct?

01:07 A. Correct.

Q. Moving up a little bit, I believe it says --

A. Wait. I'm sorry. You said April 23rd being five days before the amended petition was filed?

Q. I'm sorry. I'm wrong. It was after the amended petition

01:07 was filed. Forgive me.

Beginning balance, five fifty-nine oh seven; ending balance 5493.91, correct?

A. Yes, sir.

MR. FINDER: Your Honors asked me to -- a question

01:07 about Number 23 in the charge, appearing on Pages 13 and 14, having to do with who paid the Fleet Credit Card.

BY MR. FINDER:

Q. Judge Porteous, I'm going to show you Exhibit 29. And, again, to refresh your recollection, this is the account number

01:08 to your Fleet Credit Card with a balance of $1,088.41 on a statement that is for the month of March.

You can see the account transactions, March 5th through March 19th, correct?

A. Yes, sir.

01:08 Q. And the end -- and the new balance as of the -- this

statement is $1,088.41. Did I --
A. Yes.
Q. -- state that correctly?
Okay. That's Page 618.
A. All right.
Q. Page 620, another Fleet Credit Card statement for the same account shows the payment of $1088.41, which Fleet recorded on March 29th, correct?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. And that's one day after you filed the voluntary petition, the first -- the original petition, correct?
A. The date they recorded it, yes.
Q. All right. Now showing you from Bates Number 619 --
MR. FINDER: What's the exhibit number for this?
MR. WOODS: Twenty-nine, I believe.
MR. FINDER: Exhibit --
MR. WOODS: Twenty-nine.
MR. FINDER: -- 29. Right, 29.
BY MR. FINDER:
Q. Check Number 1660 on the account of Rhonda F. Danos, dated 3-23-01, right -- five days before bankruptcy?
A. All right.
Q. Payable to Fleet in the same amount, $1088.41, correct?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. And here in the highlighted portion for the memo, where it

says "For," "Carmella Porteous." And it has the Fleet bank account number, correct?
A. Yes.
Q. So, it appears that Ms. Danos paid off Fleet, correct?
A. Well, her check did, yes.
Q. Her check did.
Which would have preferred Fleet as -- which was paid off right before bankruptcy, as opposed to the other -- other creditors, correct?
A. I presuppose [sic] so. I'm not --
Q. Now, why was it, sir, that Rhonda Danos happened to pay off your wife's credit card days before you filed bankruptcy?
A. I have no idea. I'm sorry.
MR. FINDER: Did your Honors have any more questions about --
A. What date was that? I'm sorry, counselor.
BY MR. FINDER:
Q. The date of --
A. I have no idea.
Q. Judge Porteous, was Rhonda Danos in the habit of paying off your wife's bills?
A. No, not that I'm aware of. I mean, she's paid some bills for me, though.
Q. But you're not aware of her paying your wife's bills?
A. No. She didn't pay my wife's bill. A check paid it.

01:11 Q. Well, the check is made payable to your wife's creditor, Fleet.
A. Right, a check paid it.
JUDGE BENAVIDES: Can I see that check again?
01:11 MR. FINDER: Yes, your Honor.
JUDGE BENAVIDES: All right.
MR. FINDER: Can you see?
BY MR. FINDER:
Q. Judge Porteous, did you ask Rhonda Danos to write that
01:11 check for payment of the Fleet account?
A. I have no recollection of asking her to do that.
Q. All right. Judge Porteous, on April 9th, 2001, when you signed the statement of financial affairs in your bankruptcy under penalty of perjury, which was on Exhibit 1, Bates
01:12 Number 116, Item 8 talks about losses.
Do you -- do you recall that independently, sir, or do you have it in front of you?
A. I do not have that in front of me.
Q. All right. Can you read that?
01:12 A. Yes, sir.
Q. Okay. It asks you to list all losses for fire, theft, other casualty, gambling within one year immediately preceding the commencement of this case -- meaning your case -- or since the commencement of this case. And I believe we read this
01:13 before, about married debtors filing under Chapter 12 and

01:13 Chapter 13.

And you list "none," correct?

A. That's what's listed, correct.

Q. Judge Porteous, do you recall that in the -- that your
01:13 gambling losses exceeded $12,700 during the preceding year?

A. I was not aware of it at the time, but now I see your documentation and that -- and that's what it reflects.

Q. So, you -- you don't dispute that?

A. I don't dispute that.

01:13 Q. Therefore, the answer "no" was incorrect, correct?

A. Apparently, yes.

Q. Even though this was signed under oath, under penalty of perjury, correct?

A. Right.

01:13 The casino, you don't get a gratuitous statement every year from them. I mean, you would have to get it from them.

Q. You would have to ask for it?

A. Yes.

01:13 JUDGE LAKE: I couldn't hear. What you did you say?

THE WITNESS: You have to ask -- they don't send a statement or anything, Judge. If you want to know your status, you can go ask them; but they don't routinely send -- in fact, they never send it out.

01:14 JUDGE LAKE: Okay. But they -- if you call them, they

will tell you?

THE WITNESS: What's that? I'm sorry.

JUDGE LAKE: If you call them, then they will tell you?

THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. I assume they would.

JUDGE LAKE: Okay. Thank you.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: How much was owing?

MR. FINDER: Sir? I'm sorry.

JUDGE PORTEOUS: Gambling losses.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: How much was the amount owing?

JUDGE LAKE: He said 12,700 the previous year.

MR. FINDER: Twelve thousand seven hundred.

And we'll -- through our summary witness, we'll get into more detail about gross versus net; but for the present purpose, that's -- that's the information.

BY MR. FINDER:

Q. Judge Porteous, we've talked about your bankruptcy lawyer, Claude Lightfoot, right?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And we also mentioned earlier in our examination the fact that Regions Bank, where you had done some business, was listed as an unsecured creditor in the original voluntary petition, correct?

A. Right.

Q. Is it a fact, sir, that Circuit Judge W. Eugene Davis made

a finding of crime fraud as to attorney-client privilege as to discussions between you -- discussions and documents between you and Mr. Lightfoot regarding the Regions Bank?

A. That's my understanding, correct.

Q. Let me show you what's been marked as Exhibit 12, an order, which at the time it was under seal, the order of crime fraud. Have you seen this order before?

A. I believe so.

Q. Okay. And the actual order for crime fraud was signed by Judge Davis on October 19th, 2004. Is that correct?

A. That -- if that's what it says, of course.

Q. October 19th, 2004?

A. That's what it says.

Q. Okay. Therefore -- I wanted to establish that before I ask you questions --

A. I understand.

Q. -- about this transaction.

You and Mr. Lightfoot agreed, at least by December 21st, 2000 --

MR. FINDER: I'm sorry. Can you hear me?

BY MR. FINDER:

Q. -- by December 21st, 2000, to send out workout letters to your various unsecured creditors, correct?

A. We talked about that, that's correct.

Q. And the decision was made between you and Mr. Lightfoot to

01:17 exclude Regions Bank, which was an unsecured creditor in the amount of $5,000 plus finance charges, from the list of unsecured creditors that received the workout letter, correct?

A. That's correct.

01:17 Q. Showing you, sir, what's been marked as Exhibit 5, on the stationery of Claude Lightfoot to you and Mrs. Porteous, dated December 21st, 2000, "Regarding workout proposal."

"Dear Judge and Mrs. Porteous, I enclose a copy of the letters and one copy of the attachments. I included

01:17 with each that have sent -- that I have sent to all the unsecured creditors with the exception of Regions Bank, which we wanted to exclude."

Did I read that accurately?

A. You did.

01:17 Q. Signed by Mr. Lightfoot, correct?

A. Right.

Q. On -- on a copy. This is Bates Number 296.

297, Bates Number 297, is a sample letter that went to Bank of Louisiana MasterCard. Are you familiar with

01:18 that?

A. I've seen -- I don't know if I'm familiar with that exactly, but I think they all said the same thing.

Q. Now, we've talked about the Fleet Credit Card, also; and here are the lists of credit -- unsecured creditors that were

01:18 listed in Mr. Lightfoot's letter.

01:18 Fleet is not on here, is it?
A. It is not.
Q. Okay. But of those that are listed, the 13, Mr. Lightfoot totals them up to a sum of $182,330.23 in credit card debt,
01:18 correct?
A. Right.
Q. Mr. Lightfoot goes on in his letter to tell these unsecured creditors they should accept the workout proposal and there would be a -- the universe of cash available to pay them out is
01:19 $39,398.90, which represents about 21 percent of the balances, correct?
A. That's what it says, correct.
Q. Right.
Also, it says Regions Bank was being excluded.
01:19 And, in fact, Regions Bank is not listed anywhere in the letter, is it?
A. That's right.
Q. The loan with Regions Bank -- and I'll show you Exhibit 4.
A. All right.
01:19 Q. The loan with Regions Bank, the original loan --
A. Yes, sir.
Q. -- was for $5,000 plus a finance charge of $30; and it was taken out on January 27, 2000, correct?
Boy, it's hard to read.
01:20 A. You're right.

01:20 Oh, yeah, that's better.

Yes, sir, it says --

MR. FINDER: Can you all see?

BY MR. FINDER:

01:20 Q. And this Account [redacted] represents the account for that loan, right?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And you are the borrower?

A. That's correct.

01:20 Q. You are the borrower, and the lender is Regions Bank. Have I read that correctly?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. All right. And this is on Bates Number 272.

A. All right.

01:20 Q. In fact, sir, you signed the note, correct?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. That's your signature, right?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And that's on Page 273.

01:20 On the workup papers for this loan, it says the -- again, same account number, same principal, loan date, etcetera, which matures July 24th, 2000.

A. All right.

Q. Primary purpose of the loan is a personal loan, correct?

01:21 A. Uh-huh.

01:21 Q. Stated purpose, "Tuition for son," correct?
A. Uh-huh.
Q. Now, who was the son for whom you were asking for tuition?
A. Timmy or Tommy, I would think.
01:21 THE REPORTER: I'm sorry?
JUDGE PORTEOUS: Timothy or Tommy.
BY MR. FINDER:
Q. But you're not sure sitting here today?
A. Sitting here today, I don't know.
01:21 Q. Okay. There was a statement in the middle of the workout paper -- I'm sorry -- the loan application paper, "Financial Condition."
I'll read it. "By signing this authorization, I represent and warrant to lender that the information provided
01:21 above is true and correct and that there has been no federal material adverse change in my financial condition as disclosed in my most recent financial statement to lender."
This authorization is dated June -- January 27, 2000, signed by you, correct?
01:22 A. Yes, sir.
Q. And that's on Page 274 --
A. Yes, sir.
Q. -- right?
CHIEF JUDGE JONES: Is that 2000 or 2001?
01:22 MR. FINDER: 2000.

01:22 THE WITNESS: 2000.

MR. FINDER: I'm building up to it.

CHIEF JUDGE JONES: I see.

BY MR. FINDER:

01:22 Q. On this other loan -- page to the loan application, dated January 24th, it says -- and this is a little hard to read, but follow with me -- "In the last ten years, have you been bankrupt or are you in the process of filing bankruptcy?" And it's checked off, "No."

01:22 A. Right.

Q. And that's accurate, correct?

A. I believe so.

Q. That was Page 276.

A. Yes, sir.

01:22 Q. Now, this loan got extended a couple of times, right?

A. I don't recall, but was that a 60 -- a six --

Q. Six months.

A. Six months. Had to have gotten renewed at least once.

Q. Okay. Well, let's talk about the renewal.

01:23 Here's the loan date, 7-24. It's the same amount plus another $30 for the loan fee?

A. Right.

Q. So, it's the same loan because -- I believe it's the same account number.

01:23 A. It is.

01:23 Q. All right. To you from Regions Bank. Everything else is pretty much the same on this page, correct?
A. Right.
Q. And that page being 279?
01:23 A. Yes, sir.
MR. FINDER: I'm sorry, Judges. It's 279.
BY MR. FINDER:
Q. This loan is also signed by you, correct?
A. Yes, sir.
01:23 Q. And on the loan request it says, "Renewal of existing," right?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. And the loan officer -- or the branch -- who happens to be the branch manager, I believe, Loretta Young, correct?
01:23 A. Yes, sir.
Q. As part of this loan package, you filled out the information page, for, again, personal loan?
A. Right.
Q. "Specific Purpose," now it says, "Refinance existing." So
01:24 that's still for your son's tuition, correct?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. And the financial condition, you have still signed it?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. And this is July 24th, 2000?
01:24 A. Right.

01:24 Q. Let's jump ahead.
That was the first extension?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. Showing you now Bates 288, the second extension.
01:24 A. Yes.
Q. This loan is dated January 17th, 2001, correct?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. Matures July 17th, 2001?
A. Yes, sir.
01:25 Q. Now, January 17th, 2001, was a couple months before bankruptcy, correct?
A. Ultimately, yes.
Q. Yes.
And, again, the rest of the terms are very
01:25 similar to the original and first extension, right?
A. Yes, sir, it appears to be.
Q. Okay. However, on January 17th, you had already engaged Mr. Lightfoot to be your bankruptcy attorney, correct, because we just saw the letters that went out for December?
01:25 A. I retained him to try and work out my debt and, if it couldn't be worked out, to maybe consider bankruptcy.
Q. Right.
A. Correct.
Q. And on this loan, the second extension, you signed it?
01:25 A. Yes.

01:25 Q. And on the workup sheet to process the loan, again, by Loretta Young?
A. Right.
Q. Your name?
01:26 A. Right.
Q. Same account number but here it says, "In the last -- In the last ten years, have you been bankrupt or are you in the process of filing bankruptcy?" And now it's checked "No"?
A. Right.
01:26 Q. In fact, by this time you had already -- as you just stated, you had already talked to Mr. Lightfoot about trying to work it out or going bankrupt, correct?
A. That's correct.
Q. So, that's a false statement, is it not?
01:26 A. I didn't mean it to be false, because I wasn't in the process of declaring -- I was doing everything I could not to file a bankruptcy. That's why I attempted for so long to do a workout.
Q. But this is dated in January?
01:26 A. Right. We had not filed the bankruptcy.
Q. You hadn't filed yet.
A. I think the letters may have just gone out previous to that.
Q. Okay. Let's look at the next page, Page 291 -- sorry.
01:26 The page we just referenced was Page 290?

01:26 A. Right.
Q. Let's move to the next page.
"Financial condition, by signing this authorization, I represent and warrant to lender that the
01:27 information provided above is true and correct and there has been no material adverse change in my financial condition."
Now, there had been a material adverse change in your financial condition, hadn't there, since the last time you received the loan from the bank?
01:27 A. I probably stood at the same amount of debt that I had when I got the loan, but was I now in the process of trying to work out a settle -- a payoff, yes.
Q. I'm sorry, sir. Maybe it's the way I asked the question. Let me try it again.
01:27 Since your last -- since the last time you took an extension on this loan, your financial condition had stayed the same or deteriorated; it hadn't gotten any better, had it?
A. Hadn't gotten any better, that's correct.
Q. So, if you were in the banker's shoes, you would have no
01:27 reason to know that you were contemplating bankruptcy or contacting bankruptcy counsel, because you have checked off on this sheet that there's been no material change, correct?
A. I would have to object to that question. You're asking me to presuppose my --
01:28 Q. You're right and -- you're correct, and I withdraw the

question.
A. Thank you.
Q. That is Page 291.
A. Right.
Q. Well, we know that Regions Bank eventually was given notice of the bankruptcy, as were all --
A. They were.
Q. -- the other unsecured creditors, correct?
A. They were.
Q. But by then, Regions Bank had already given you a loan and two extensions, correct?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. And when your bankruptcy --
MR. FINDER: I'm referring to Exhibit 1, Bates Number 27.
BY MR. FINDER:
Q. When the trustee filed its final report in your bankruptcy, where it says this case is completed, final meeting of creditors, et cetera, it lists Regions Bank, does it not, Number 23?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. And Regions Bank is getting a percentage of its outstanding debt as an unsecured creditor at 34.55 percent, correct?
A. Right.
Q. Which means Regions Bank only got $1,782.43 in this

01:29 bankruptcy, correct?
A. That's -- that's exactly what those documents show.
Q. But, again, when you applied for the last extension, Regions Bank had no idea that you were -- that you were
01:29 discussing your financial condition with bankruptcy counsel, correct?
A. They did not.
Q. Regions Bank didn't ask you for any kind of collateral to collateralize the loan or move itself up from an unsecured
01:29 creditor to a higher level, did it?
A. No. Mr. Butler was a friend. No, they didn't.
Q. Mr. Butler, for the record, is Ed Buddy Butler, correct?
A. Yes.
Q. And you didn't tell him Mr. -- even though he was a friend,
01:29 you didn't tell him that you were having financial problems, did you?
A. No, I did not.
Q. In fact, you and Mr. Butler even go to the same church, right?
01:30 A. I can't say we haven't been to a church together. I don't know that we go to the same church. It's possible.
Q. Okay.
A. I may have seen Buddy.
Q. Moving on, back to the workout letters that Mr. Lightfoot
01:30 sent out -- and, again, we're talking about Exhibit 5.

01:30 A. Uh-huh.
Q. With the exception of Regions Bank?
A. Right.
JUDGE LAKE: What exhibit are you looking at now?
01:30 MR. FINDER: Exhibit 5.
JUDGE LAKE: Okay.
MR. FINDER: I am going to work backwards. We just talked about 5, and we're on it again.
JUDGE LAKE: All right.
01:31 A. Is that Exhibit 5, counselor?
BY MR. FINDER:
Q. Yes, sir.
A. Or your Bates Number 5?
Q. No. Exhibit 5, Bates Number 296.
01:31 A. Okay. I just -- I saw an "SC" up at the top.
Q. And I think we may have discussed this briefly; but Mr. Lightfoot listed approximately a hundred eighty -- a little over $182,000 in unsecured credit card --
A. Right. Right.
01:31 Q. Right?
When bankruptcy was filed and then your amended bankruptcy, you have Schedule F --
A. Right.
Q. -- from Exhibit 1, Bates Number 102; and here Mr. Lightfoot
01:31 actually lists every single credit card that you've told him

about, right?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. Because he can't list credit cards that he doesn't know about, he relies on you and/or Mrs. Porteous to give him the financial picture so he can make a true and correct listing on here?
A. That's correct.
Q. Of course, Fleet, as we determined earlier, is not on it?
A. It's not on it.
Q. Okay. I believe -- and just by manual counting, there are now 15 credit cards. And I -- you can take my word for it or I'll hand you the exhibit and you can count them up.
A. I have no reason to doubt your representation.
Q. And now -- and now Regions Bank --
A. Right.
Q. -- is also listed, for $5,000, correct?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. More importantly, the amount of unsecured debt has gone up to 196,000, correct?
A. Yes, sir, that's what it says.
Q. That's from the workout letter, where it was less?
A. Whatever it was, yeah.
Q. You were a federal judge at this time, of course?
A. Right.
Q. And you filed a financial disclosure report for calendar

01:32 year 2000 and -- on May 10th, '01, correct?
A. Right.
Q. I'm referring to Exhibit 3, Bates Number 20 -- I'm sorry, 2 --
01:33 A. 00239.
Q. 239.
And this is your disclosure, is it not, sir?
A. Appears to be, of course.
Q. Well --
01:33 A. It is. I mean, it says it's me.
Q. Let's look at the last page, Bates Number 242.
A. That's me.
Q. That's your signature, right?
A. (Nodding head).
01:33 Q. Okay. Now, here, under Section VI -- Roman Numeral VI, I believe, "Liabilities" --
A. Yes, sir.
Q. -- you list but two credit cards: MBNA credit card, Value Code J; and Citibank credit card, Value Code J?
01:33 A. Right.
Q. And the legend on the bottom that has "Value Code" says, "J, $15,000 or less," correct?
A. Right.
Q. So, according to your financial disclosure, your
01:34 liabilities did not exceed $30,000, correct?

01:34 A. According to the disclosure.
Q. Okay. Now, according to the disclosure, you have to certify these. Isn't that right, Judge?
A. Right. Right.
01:34 Q. And I believe it says, "I certify that all information given above, including information pertaining to my spouse and minor dependent children, if any, is accurate, true, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that any information not reported was withheld because it met applicable
01:34 statutory provisions permitting nondisclosure," with your signature and signed on the 10th of May, 2001, correct?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. It also says that, "Any individual who knowingly and willfully falsifies or fails to file this report may be subject
01:35 to civil and criminal sanctions," citing -- citing 5 United States Code Appendix, Section 104, which I believe we covered earlier this morning, correct?
A. I believe we did.
Q. All right. Well, Judge Porteous, you listed, as I said,
01:35 two credit cards, which you have admitted to, MBNA and Citi?
A. Right.
Q. In fact, if we go back to Schedule F of Exhibit 1, starting on Bates Number 102, you have not just a Citibank account; but you have -- one, two -- three Citibank accounts, right?
01:35 A. There are three accounts. I don't know if they were in my

name or my wife's; but, yeah, there were three Citi. That's what listed.

Q. Right. But, again, you filed jointly?

A. Yeah. But I'm just saying I -- there are three accounts listed. You're correct.

Q. The first one under Number 4 -- the next one under 4, is $23,987 and change, correct?

A. I can't see it because your arm is there.

Q. I'm sorry.

A. But, again, whatever is reflected is reflected.

Q. The second one to Citi is $20,719.58?

A. Right.

Q. The third one is -- the third Citi account --

A. Right.

Q. -- 17,711.35.

These are both on Pages 102 and 103 of the exhibit, that being Exhibit 1.

Similarly, going back, you say -- you list an MBNA credit card, again, just like Citi, $15,000 or less debt.

Now, the debts for all of the three Citi accounts exceeded 15,000, didn't they?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. MBNA does have one less than 15,000. It has one for $3,212.80, right?

A. Yes.

01:37 Q. But it also has a second one at $30,931.02, correct?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. Therefore, Judge Porteous, your certification of the -- of your liabilities that you signed on April 10th --
01:37 A. May 10th.
Q. I'm sorry. May 10th. Forgive me.
-- was false, correct?
A. It was not correct. It was not accurate, correct.
JUDGE BENAVIDES: Which of the financial reports --
01:38 which year are you --
CHIEF JUDGE JONES: Year 2000.
JUDGE BENAVIDES: 2000 -- of course, if it was filed in 2001, it would refer to the calendar year ending 2000.
MR. FINDER: Correct.
01:38 JUDGE BENAVIDES: All right.
MR. FINDER: For calendar year 2000, that is on Page 239. That is correct, your Honor.
BY MR. FINDER:
Q. Judge Porteous, over the years, how much cash have you
01:38 received from Jake Amato and Bob Creely or their law firm?
A. I have no earthly idea.
THE REPORTER: I'm sorry?
MR. FINDER: I'm sorry. Jake Amato, A-M-A-T-O. Jacob Amato, Robert Creely, C-R-E-E-L-Y, or their law firm.
01:39 BY MR. FINDER:

01:39 Q. Amato & Creely, I believe they are called.
A. Right.
Q. Is that correct?
A. Yeah.
01:39 Q. You do not know how much you've received from them?
A. I do not.
Q. Those men or their -- and/or their firm, correct?
A. That's correct.
Q. It could have been $10,000 or more. Isn't that right?
01:39 A. Again, you're asking me to speculate. I have no idea is all I can tell you.
Q. When did you first start getting cash from Messrs. Amato, Creely, or their law firm?
A. Probably when I was on state bench.
01:39 Q. And that practice continued into 1994, when you became a federal judge, did it not?
A. I believe that's correct.
Q. Now, when Messrs. Amato and Creely -- and I'm only talking about them right now --
01:39 A. I understand.
Q. -- and their law firm, not -- we'll talk about others later. But when those men gave you money, did you consider it a gift or a loan or income?
A. I never considered it income. It was either a gift or a
01:40 loan.

01:40 Q. Okay. If it was a loan, did you ever pay it back?
A. No, I didn't.
Q. Then, it became income, correct?
A. I don't know.
01:40 Q. Well, again, your Honor, I don't want to argue with you; but --
A. I'm not arguing with you.
Q. -- if I loan you a hundred dollars and you don't pay it back, that becomes income, correct?
01:40 A. It still may be a gift.
Q. If it was a loan and it's not forgiven as a gift, then it's income, correct?
A. Right.
Q. But none of that ever appeared in your federal tax
01:40 return --
A. No --
Q. -- as income, correct?
A. -- it did not.
Q. Now, if it was a gift, it would have been on your financial
01:40 disclosure reports for 1994, which starts at Bates 215; 1995, which starts at Bates 219; 1996, which starts at Bates 223; 1997, which starts at Bates 227; 1998, Bates 231; through 1999, Bates 235, which we already reviewed.
I could show you these, Judge Porteous; but I'll
01:41 just ask you the question. Did you ever list any gifts from

Amato or Creely, cash gifts, in any of these financial disclosures?
A. No.
Q. But you certified every one as being true and correct?
A. Correct.
Q. And there was an omission, then, correct?
A. Not that I'm aware of.
Q. Well, if someone gave you money during those years and it was more than $250, wouldn't that be reportable?
A. I do not recall receiving any cash from them during that --
Q. Do you recall in 1999, in the summer, May, June, receiving $2,000 for them?
A. I've read Mr. Amato's grand jury testimony. It says we were fishing and I made some representation that I was having difficulties and that they loaned me some money or gave me some money.
Q. You don't -- you're not denying it; you just don't remember it?
A. I just don't have any recollection of it, but that would have fallen in the category of a loan from a friend. That's all.
Q. Has the loan ever been paid back --
A. No.
Q. -- if you got it?
A. No.

01:42 JUDGE BENAVIDES: Were any loans reported on the disclosure statements?

MR. FINDER: No, sir.

THE WITNESS: I believe -- I'm not sure, but I don't know the reported amount on the loans.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: But whether a loan or a gift, it wasn't -- it wasn't --

THE WITNESS: It wasn't reported.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: -- to the extent that they might exist, they weren't reported, either as a loan or a gift?

THE WITNESS: That's correct, Judge.

MR. FINDER: Right.

BY MR. FINDER:

Q. The exhibits that I just talked about, the years 1994 through '99, all have sections on liabilities and those are not reported?

A. That's right.

Q. If I misstate, please correct me.

A. No. You're correct.

01:43 Q. Other than gifts of cash, did you ever fail to report -- from lawyers or others, not just Creely and Amato or their law firm, but anybody else, not including your personal family members -- cash gifts for entertainment or family needs, including but not limited to hunting trips, fishing trips, airfare, lodging, dining, trips out of the country or out of

state, such as Washington, D.C. or Las Vegas, parties for your children, stipends for your children, tuition for your children, car notes, mortgage payments, or gambling expenses for you or your wife?

A. I'm sure I didn't include anything on that.

Q. And I have the reports here if you want to refresh your recollection.

A. I understand.

Q. Did you ever report gifts that your court staff may have received along with you, such as dining, travel, or entertainment?

A. I'm sure I didn't.

Q. And I could go through that for every one of these reporting years, but would that be -- your answer be the same for years 1994, 19 -- through 1999 inclusive?

A. I absolutely agree that that's what those documents show and certify.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: You're referring to the same questions as to reporting on those other years?

MR. FINDER: Yes, sir.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: All right. Counsel, with respect to that last question, was -- was there an exception -- I thought there was a report of a couple of fishing -- hunting trips or fishing trips.

MR. FINDER: I believe those were Bar -- related to

01:45 Bar associations, but let me look quickly so I don't make a mistake.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: I thought there were a couple of trips that he reported, at least in the exhibits that I saw.

01:45 MR. WOODS: Two hunting trips.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: Two hunting trips.

MR. WOODS: Rowan and the other --

THE REPORTER: I'm sorry?

MR. WOODS: I'm sorry.

01:45 THE WITNESS: There were two included in the original complaint filed by Justice, but not included in the ultimate charge from the Court.

BY MR. FINDER:

Q. In the documents that I referred to, I didn't see hunting

01:46 trips. I've seen reimbursements from Bar associations, but not hunting trips; and if I missed it, please correct me.

A. We had --

MR. WOODS: Judge Porteous is correct. There are two instances on his financial disclosure forms where he reports a

01:46 Rowan -- Rowan Drilling Company trip.

THE WITNESS: "Rowan." Yeah.

MR. WOODS: And one other, Diamond.

THE REPORTER: I'm sorry?

THE WITNESS: Diamond.

01:46 MR. WOODS: Diamond Drilling Company.

01:46 JUDGE BENAVIDES: So, with those exceptions, there was no reports --

MR. WOODS: Yes.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: -- of loans or gifts or anything 01:46 with respect to hunting trips or any of these other things, with the exceptions of those ones?

MR. WOODS: That's correct. There are none except those two.

MR. FINDER: And I'm still looking, and I haven't seen 01:47 them. So, I'm not sure if it's for these years or not; but I think --

JUDGE BENAVIDES: I don't know. It may be a different reporting period.

(Sotto voce discussion between counsel)

11:59 BY MR. FINDER:

Q. Judge Porteous, I'm going to show you from Exhibit 20 --

MR. FINDER: Bates Number 585, your Honors. Let me make this smaller.

BY MR. FINDER:

01:48 Q. Do you recognize this, sir, a casino credit application for Harrah's casino?

A. Yes, sir, that's what it says.

Q. Okay. And the purpose of this is what?

A. To be able to sign markers.

01:48 Q. Correct.

01:48 And it is dated April 30th, 2001, correct?
A. Right.
Q. And that is just two days -- three days -- March has 31 days -- three days after bankruptcy, correct?
01:48 A. Yes, sir.
No. Wait.
MR. WOODS: April.
BY MR. FINDER:
Q. April. I'm sorry.
01:48 After your -- forgive me. After your amended petition, it was a couple -- two and half, three weeks after your amended petition?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. You list under "Financial Information" income of over a
01:48 hundred thousand --
A. Right.
Q. -- in salary.
Over $250,000 in a home?
A. Right.
01:48 Q. Indebtedness, zero, correct?
A. That's not my handwriting. I don't -- I don't know who filled that out.
Q. Is this your handwriting?
A. That is.
01:49 Q. So, you don't know --

01:49 A. That is not my handwriting.
Q. Well, when you signed this, was there anything on there? Did somebody put it on there after you signed it?
A. I have -- cannot tell you that. I don't know that. But
01:49 that is not my handwriting.
Q. And --
A. If I look at the rest of it, I can tell you if it is.
Q. Well -- (Indicating).
A. The rest of it -- now, don't -- okay. You get towards the
01:49 top, that's --
JUDGE BENAVIDES: There's a certification above your handwriting. "I certify that I reviewed all the information provided above and it is true and accurate."
THE WITNESS: I don't -- yeah, Judge. I'm just saying
01:49 it's not my handwriting is all.
BY MR. FINDER:
Q. So, even though it's certified as being true and correct, you don't take responsibility for the indebtedness --
A. I don't know that that was on there when I signed it. I
01:49 just don't have any recollection.
Q. We talked about Messrs. Creely and Amato and their law firm, the law firm of Creely & Amato.
A. Right.
Q. Mr. Creely is what kind of a lawyer? What kind of a
01:50 practice would you say he has?

01:50 A. Over the years, I think it's changed. Now he -- he was in -- for awhile into multidistrict litigation, complex litigation, class action type litigation.
Q. Mr. Amato started off pretty much as a personal injury
01:50 lawyer, didn't he?
A. Yeah.
Q. And throughout most of his career considered himself --
A. I think he was a personal injury lawyer. I never knew Jake to take a divorce case or anything like that.
01:50 Q. And nor did he practice that often in federal court, correct? As far as you know?
A. As far as I know.
Q. Other than Messrs. Creely and Amato and their law firm, we talked about other lawyers in this case, such as Mr. Levenson.
01:51 Have you received any cash from Mr. Levenson?
A. No, not that I -- to the best of my knowledge, I have never received any cash from Mr. Levenson.
Q. But Mr. Levenson, along with Messrs. Creely and Amato, it would not be uncommon for them to take you out to lunch?
01:51 A. That's correct.
Q. And -- or dinners?
A. Yeah. On an occasion, I would think, yeah.
Q. Well, Mr. Levenson took you out to some places for lunch or -- and/or dinner, such as Ruth's Chris or, before Hurricane
01:51 Katrina, Smith & Wollensky's. Isn't that correct?

01:51 A. I'm sure that's correct.
Q. And some -- and you were never -- you never paid, did you?
A. No.
Q. Now, other than Messrs. Amato and Creely, who else had --
01:52 what other lawyers -- lawyer friends of yours have given you money over the years?
A. Given me money?
Q. Money, cash.
A. Gardner may have. Probably did.
01:52 Q. Let's talk about --
A. But I don't recall any others.
Q. Let's talk about Mr. Gardner.
A. All right.
Q. He's also a -- he was a divorce lawyer, wasn't he?
01:52 A. Mr. Gardner tries to do everything.
Q. So, if he said that he's a family lawyer, he -- that would be --
A. I think that's what his practice is now.
Q. But not -- as far as you know, his practice is not
01:52 primarily in federal court?
A. No, not that I'm aware of.
Q. And when is the last time Mr. Gardner gave you money?
A. Before I took the federal bench, I'm sure.
Q. Okay. And do you recall how much?
01:52 A. Absolutely not.

01:52 Q. Now, when you were a state judge, did you ever report any of these cash gifts on your Louisiana disclosure forms?
A. No. I don't think we actually received forms, but I don't remember that.
01:53 Q. Okay.
A. Whether you received a form like the federal government, where you have to fill it out, I don't believe they had reporting forms at the time. I know what the statute says, but I don't think it's like it is in federal court.
01:53 Q. Before you became a federal judge, you used -- as a state judge, you used to send something called "curatorships" over to the Creely-Amato firm, did you not?
A. And Gardner and all those, yeah.
Q. Just talking about Creely and Amato and their law firm
01:53 right now. You would occasionally, after sending them curatorships -- and for the record, what is a -- how would you describe a curatorship?
A. It's for an absent defendant. It could be in a variety of situations. The most common two are executory process and then
01:53 interdiction.
Q. And after receiving curatorships, Mr. -- Messrs. Creely and/or Amato and/or their law firm would give you money, correct?
A. Occasionally.
01:54 Q. You mentioned before that you read the grand jury

transcript of Mr. Amato and were familiar with his allegations about a fishing trip?

A. Right.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: Are you leaving the curatorship?

MR. FINDER: Yes, sir.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: You had an open-ended question about whether he received money from these people after they were appointed a curatorship.

MR. FINDER: Yes, sir.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: Do you intend to establish any relationship between the receipt of money and the curatorship?

MR. FINDER: Not through this witness.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: Okay.

MR. FINDER: But if the Court has questions --

JUDGE BENAVIDES: I just didn't know whether to -- I don't want to interrupt you --

MR. FINDER: That's all right.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: -- or your train of thought about it but --

MR. FINDER: Okay. Well, let -- well, we'll -- so I won't have it open-ended, let me ask the question.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: Go ahead.

BY MR. FINDER:

Q. During the time you were giving Creely and Amato and the law firm curatorships and you were getting cash back, was that

cash that you received a kickback for the curatorship, in your mind?

A. No, sir.

Q. Not in your mind?

A. Not in my mind.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: Let me ask a question. According -- and it's -- you have been afforded the grand jury testimony, we have seen the grand jury testimony, everybody has seen the grand jury testimony. But it would seem that there is testimony before the grand jury that there was a return in the exact same amount, minus expenses, of the curatorship that was returned to you, according to one of the witnesses.

THE WITNESS: That's apparently what it says. I agree.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: Is that true or not?

THE WITNESS: Not -- to the best of my knowledge, that is not correct.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: You would not know whether you would receive the same money after appointing someone a curator that he would get, minus his expenses?

THE WITNESS: I don't recall that occurring. You're ask -- again, we're back to 1994 and before. I know I sent them curators --

JUDGE BENAVIDES: You know, you have immunity --

THE WITNESS: I know.

01:56 JUDGE BENAVIDES: -- from all criminal prosecution --
THE WITNESS: I understand.
JUDGE BENAVIDES: -- except perjury.
THE WITNESS: I understand that.
01:56 JUDGE BENAVIDES: And your -- and, so, that would be -- if it matched the expense -- the amount each time --
THE WITNESS: I don't --
JUDGE BENAVIDES: -- except for expenses, that would be a coincidence?
01:56 THE WITNESS: I don't know if it matched each time. That's all I can tell you, Judge. I don't know.
JUDGE BENAVIDES: I understand.
BY MR. FINDER:
Q. Didn't you start sending -- Judge Porteous, didn't you
01:56 start sending curatorships over to Mr. Creely when he demurred to get -- give you more money?
A. I've read his testimony. I know that's what he says. I just -- he "demurred."
Q. Maybe I'll use a different word instead of "demurred."
01:57 A. "Refused."
Q. Objected to or refused to give you more money, isn't that when the curatorships started?
A. I don't know the date the curatorships started; so, I can't tell you that.
01:57 Q. Do you recall --

01:57 A. I don't remember when I first started sending them.
Q. Do you recall calling Mr. Creely's secretary and saying, "How much have you received in curatorships" before asking for money?
01:57 A. I don't recall calling her. I'm not saying I've never spoken with his secretary.
Q. Do you recall Mr. Creely refusing to pay you money before the curatorships started?
A. He may have said I needed to get my finances under control,
01:57 yeah.
Q. And the curatorships, therefore, would be a source of income for Mr. Creely -- to pass through Mr. Creely and his firm to you, correct?
A. That's a speculation or opinion. I don't -- I don't know
01:57 what you want to call it.
Q. What is your recollection in May or June of 1999 of going on a fishing trip with Mr. Amato? Do you recall going on a fishing trip?
A. I know I went with Jake on a trip with Mitch Mullin.
01:58 Q. Actually, you went on a lot of fishing trips with Amato and Creely, mainly Creely.
Have you heard of a place called Delacroix?
A. Oh, yeah, "Delacroix."
Q. "Delacroix." Excuse me for my mispronunciation.
01:58 That's property that he either owned or had a

lease on, correct?
A. Correct.
Q. And fishing would often take place there, correct?
A. Oh, yeah.
Q. And not just you but other elected officials would be invited?
A. The judges, yes.
Q. And you went fishing there numerous times?
A. Over the years?
Q. Yes.
A. Yeah.
Q. You never were charged for any mode of --
A. No, sir.
Q. -- transportation, any refreshments, things of that nature?
A. No, sir.
Q. All right. So, getting back to the fishing trip with Mr. Amato in May or June of 1999, which you -- which you referenced, you brought up, Mr. Amato -- do you recall telling Mr. Amato in a very emotional way that you had a wedding coming up and you needed cash?
A. I did have a wedding coming up. You're asking me if I -- I don't recall a conversation with Jake.
Q. Who was getting married?
A. Timmy.
In '99?

01:59 Q. Yes.
A. Timmy.
Q. Your son Timmy?
A. Right.
01:59 Q. And that's the bachelor party you also went to in Las Vegas. We'll get --
A. That's correct.
Q. -- to in a moment. Correct?
A. Correct.
01:59 Q. Well, whether or not you recall asking Mr. Amato for money during this fishing trip, do you recall getting an envelope with $2,000 shortly thereafter?
A. Yeah. Something seems to suggest that there may have been an envelope. I don't remember the size of an envelope, how I
01:59 got the envelope, or anything about it.
Q. Do you recall sending Rhonda Danos over to get the envelope?
A. Rhonda has gone to Jake and Bob's office on numerous occasions. I don't even know if she went in '99.
02:00 Q. Judge, I know 1999 was almost a decade ago; but if you received an envelope from lawyers -- a sealed envelope that had a couple thousand dollars cash in it, do you think you would remember that?
A. That's what I'm saying. I don't know if it was a sealed
02:00 envelope, a bank envelope, or what.

02:00 Q. Okay. Let me --
JUDGE LAKE: Wait a second. Is it the nature of the envelope you're disputing?
THE WITNESS: No. Money was received in envelope.
02:00 JUDGE LAKE: And had cash in it?
THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
JUDGE LAKE: And it was from Creely and/or --
THE WITNESS: Amato.
JUDGE LAKE: -- Amato?
02:00 THE WITNESS: Yes.
JUDGE LAKE: And it was used to pay for your son's wedding?
THE WITNESS: To help defray the cost, yeah.
JUDGE LAKE: And was used --
02:00 THE WITNESS: They loaned -- my impression was it was a loan.
JUDGE LAKE: And would you dispute that the amount was $2,000?
THE WITNESS: I don't have any basis to dispute it.
01:05 JUDGE LAKE: All right. Thank you.
BY MR. FINDER:
Q. Your impression was that it was a loan was what you just said, correct?
A. Yes.
02:00 Q. Did you ever pay back the loan?

02:00 A. No, I didn't. I declared bankruptcy in 2001; and, of course, I didn't list it.
Q. But it wasn't listed as paid --
A. No, it wasn't listed.
02:01 Q. So, did you ever pay back the loan --
A. No.
Q. -- was my question.
A. No.
Q. Then, it was income. Is that right?
02:01 A. You're saying it's income. If that's what the rules provide --
Q. Sir, I don't say anything. I'm asking you a question.
If it's a loan and it's not paid back, you're a federal judge, you know some law --
02:01 A. It's income.
Q. -- it's income, right?
A. All right.
Q. But it was never reported on your tax returns, was it?
A. No, it was not.
02:01 Q. It was never reported on the judicial disclosure form under "Other Income," was it?
A. No.
Q. Let's talk about the bachelor party.
A. All right.
02:01 Q. In approximately May of 1999, your son Timmy was going to

get married that summer, correct?
A. Right.
Q. And Rhonda, I believe, even helped with the arrangements for a party, for you, some of your lawyer and non-lawyer friends, and Timmy to go to Las Vegas, correct?
I believe you stayed at New York-New York?
A. No. I believe we stayed at Caesars.
Q. Was it Caesars? Maybe it was just the ride at New York-New York. There was a picture taken. Do you remember that?
A. Yeah, there was a -- some kind of amusement there.
Q. Now, lawyers paid for you to go, did they not? They gave you money to go on that trip, did they not?
A. I believe the allegations are that there was a ticket that Forstall had purchased at some point, that I used.
Q. Mr. Forstall is Chip Forstall, right?
A. Right.
Q. He gave you a ticket; and then he ended up not going, correct?
A. Not for this trip. This was another trip.
Q. Okay. The other trip was to San Francisco, I believe; and he didn't go?
A. None of us went.
Q. Okay. But you had the ticket?
A. Right.
Q. And you used that ticket, you're saying, to go to

Las Vegas?
A. I may have.
Q. Well, once you get to Las Vegas, you have to stay in a room, right?
A. Right.
Q. You didn't pay for the room, did you?
A. It appears I did not.
Q. And do you know who paid for it?
A. It appears Mr. Creely paid for it.
Q. Mr. Creely, that's right.
Now, that was over a period of approximately four days, as I recall, from the records?
A. Three or four.
Q. Three or four.
That exceeded $250 total for the room, correct?
A. Yeah.
Q. Did that ever appear on your judicial --
A. No, it did not.
Q. -- your form that you file with the administrative office?
A. No, it did not.
Q. It did not.
Although you considered that a gift, correct?
A. Yeah, it was a gift. I mean, Creely got there before we all did. I know he checked me in.
Q. And it wasn't just for you. It was also for Timmy?

A. What?
Q. Timmy stayed for free?
A. Not because of Mr. Creely.
Q. Well, somebody paid for Timmy, right?
A. I went down and asked the casino to comp their room, and I think they did.
Q. So, if -- so, it's your testimony here today it was not Mr. Creely or one of your other friends that picked up the tab for his room?
A. Not that I -- for Timmy's room?
Q. For Timmy.
A. No, sir, not that I'm aware of.
I'm trying to remember who was in that room. Probably all my sons were in that room.
Q. And when you were in Las Vegas, you had to eat?
A. Yes.
Q. And you didn't just eat in the hotel you were staying at; you ate in other places, too, correct?
A. We had one outside meal that I can recall.
Q. But you didn't pay for that meal, did you?
A. No, I did not.
Q. Who paid for it?
A. A variety -- I think Creely did and maybe some other people picked up various portions.
Q. But the bottom line is that wasn't comped?

A. That was not comped.
Q. And when I say "comped," I'm talking about complimentary --
A. No.
Q. -- where a hotel --
A. No.
Q. -- would pick up the fee, correct?
A. No.
Q. And nothing from that trip to Las Vegas, for you and your sons -- who was your other son, by the way, that went?
A. Michael.
Q. Michael.

Nothing that went to you or your two children, in your immediate family, was ever reported under a judicial disclosure form, correct?

A. No, sir.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: How old were the children at that time?

MR. FINDER: I'm sorry?

JUDGE BENAVIDES: How old were the boys at that time?

THE WITNESS: Give me a second, Judge. '99?

JUDGE BENAVIDES: Oh, let me ask --

THE WITNESS: 28, 26, and 23.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: Okay. They weren't dependents living at home?

THE WITNESS: Oh, no, sir.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: All right.

JUDGE LAKE: Did Mr. Creely or Mr. Amato or the other attorneys reimburse the casino for any gambling losses you had, Judge?

THE WITNESS: Absolutely not.

BY MR. FINDER:

Q. Let me jump ahead, then, in light of that question. On Exhibit 48 -- I believe it's 48 -- yeah, Bates Number 997, 998, the records from Caesar -- I believe that is from Caesars Palace.

A. All right.

Q. May 20th, 1999, that's when you were in Las Vegas for the bachelor party, correct?

A. I believe so.

Q. Okay. Well --

A. May -- I know we went '99. It's before the wedding. That's the right date.

Q. I mean --

A. It's before the wedding.

Q. For the record, that's your name, correct?

A. Right.

Q. And that's the city where you live, correct?

A. Right.

Q. And were you also there in October of '99?

A. Certainly appears that I was.

02:06 Q. Okay. Well, let's talk about May.
A. All right.
Q. May 20th, 1999, looks like gambling losses of $1200, correct?
02:06 MR. FINDER: And we're going to follow up with a summary witness on this, but I wanted to jump ahead.
JUDGE BENAVIDES: I don't know if you got a response to that last question.
MR. FINDER: I'm going to clarify it with the next
02:07 page.
BY MR. FINDER:
Q. In all fairness, since -- I should have asked you this question, Judge. Forgive me.
A. All right.
02:07 Q. Have you ever seen this record before?
A. If it's one of the exhibits, I know you sent it to me.
Q. Yes. It's from Exhibit 48.
A. Okay. But I don't recall -- I didn't look at it. If you sent it to me, I've got it.
02:07 Q. Okay. The very next page, Bates Number 998 --
A. All right.
Q. -- the same exhibit, 48 --
A. Fine.
Q. -- it shows from the period May 20 to May 22. And on the
02:07 prior page, we were talking about May 20. So, that's

consistent, correct?
A. All right. All right.
Q. "Win/loss," and it shows negative -- or 1,200 with a minus sign, correct?
A. Yeah.
Q. Would that suggest to you that's a loss of $1200?
A. It appears to be.
Q. Okay.
A. Okay. Wait. Let me just see something.
Okay. All right.
Q. For the record, that's the number, "998"?
A. Yeah.
Q. Now, as you said, you were only in Las Vegas for about three or four days, right?
A. Yeah.
Q. Okay. Let's look at your Fidelity Bank statement for May 25th. Shows a deposit of $5,000?
A. Correct.
Q. Was that -- were those winnings?
A. They were.
Q. So, you won at some casino, even though it wasn't the one we just looked at?
A. I was able to bring that much money home, but it was still owed on credit cards. So, I -- when you say it was a winning, I basically broke even when you added it all up.

02:08 Q. So, let's get this straight. You've -- your amended petition was filed -- or your bankruptcy, was filed in 2000. About six months -- or nine months, perhaps, before that, you were in Las Vegas, gambling, and you came back with $5,000 02:09 after you lost about 1200 at a different casino, correct?
A. I don't know if it's a different casino.
Q. It could have been the same one?
A. Could have been the same one.
Q. Well, but the records don't show winnings, do they?
02:09 A. You know -- well, when you're playing at a table and winning, casinos do not traditionally keep track of that.
That trip, if you have those records, I think would probably establish that the markers I signed on the very first night there were paid off that very same day; but they 02:09 don't show the -- how the money was given out. They just don't do it that way. That's between the casinos and how they transact business. You're not given a 1099.
So, all I can tell you is I did win.
Q. So, it's your testimony that that money, the 5,000, was 02:10 from gaming; it wasn't from lawyers or friends?
A. Came from no one.
Q. Okay.
JUDGE BENAVIDES: What was the difference? 3800, roughly?
02:10 MR. FINDER: Yes, sir.

BY MR. FINDER:
Q. Judge, do you remember a case called "Liljeberg"?
A. I do.
Q. Very complex litigation, wasn't it?
A. I would say.
Q. As a matter of fact, before you got it, I think it went through several district judges.
A. Oh, it went through a bunch of different judges.
Q. And, then, one day it ended up in your court; and you were ultimately the trial judge, correct?
A. Right.
Q. That lawsuit, sir, was filed -- well, let's not guess.
Let me show you what's been marked as Exhibit 82. Do you recognize this as the docket sheet for Liljeberg?
A. Exhibit 82.
Q. That's what I have up on the screen.
A. Yeah, that would be the docket sheet, which seems to indicate it was filed in '93.
Q. What did I say?
A. May --
Q. I'm sorry. June 1, 1993. What did I say?
A. I don't know.
Q. I thought you --
A. No, no.
Q. -- said I misspoke.

Okay. Does this appear to be the docket sheet?

I'm happy to show it to you.

A. Yeah, it appears to be the docket sheet.

Q. All right. Let's look at the some of the lawyers on there. We already talked about this gentleman, Joe -- Joseph Mole --

A. Right.

Q. -- correct?

A. Right.

Q. And Don Gardner?

A. Right.

Q. Now, Don Gardner, as you said, as far as you know, isn't a federal court practitioner?

A. No, as far as I know.

Q. And this is a complex case?

A. Very complex.

Q. But he's your buddy and he's appearing for the plaintiff, correct?

A. Correct.

Q. Let's look at some of the defense lawyers.

MR. WOODS: Appearing for the defense.

MR. FINDER: "Plaintiff, Lifemark."

MR. WOODS: Okay.

BY MR. FINDER:

Q. For the defendant in Liljeberg -- on -- this docket sheet says "Defendant Liljeberg," correct?

A. Right.
Q. Jacob Amato?
A. Right.
Q. Who was -- unlike his partner Mr. Creely, who did MDL cases, Mr. Amato typically didn't do this kind of case, did he?
A. I would think that's correct.
Q. You don't think I'm correct?
A. No. I would think that was correct.
Q. Oh, forgive me.
Lenny Levenson?
A. Correct.
Q. Also not typically trying these type of cases in federal court, correct?
A. He -- maybe not federal court, but he did some fairly complex litigation.
Q. Both of whom are your friends, correct?
A. Absolutely.
Q. And I believe, according to the docket sheet, the case was originally filed June 1, 1993. That's what it says, right?
A. That's what it says.
Q. June 1, 1993.
A. All right.
Q. Now, let's jump ahead to September 19th, 1996. The case has been around for two years, right?
A. Right.

Q. Motion by Party Liljeberg to bring in, among the following attorneys, Jacob Amato and Lenny Levenson, correct?
A. Right.
Q. You're the judge at this point, right?
A. Right.
Q. And you allow them in?
A. Yeah.
Q. Okay. I skipped one.
Let's go back to April 4th, 1996. Lifemark brings in Joe Mole --
A. All right.
Q. -- to be one of their lawyers, right?
A. Yeah, right.
JUDGE BENAVIDES: What was the name? Was that Mole?
MR. FINDER: M-O-L-E, Joe Mole, Joseph Mole.
BY MR. FINDER:
Q. Then, on September 12th -- and I think we covered this on September 19th, but on September 12th it looks like St. Jude Hospital brings in Lenny Levenson, correct?
A. Right.
Q. But St. Jude was affiliated with Liljeberg, right?
A. I believe that's correct.
Q. And that's why a week later, on September 19th, Levenson is joined by Jake Amato, right?
A. Yeah.

Q. Okay. Both of whom I believe you said typically wouldn't be in this kind of case.
A. I'm not saying Levenson wouldn't, but Amato typically would not be in this kind of case. Not that he didn't have the capacity, he just typically wouldn't be in this kind of case.
Q. Okay. Then October 2nd, 1996 --
A. All right.
Q. -- Plaintiff Lifemark files a motion to recuse you, correct?
A. Right.
Q. And that is scheduled for a hearing, if I'm reading this docket order right, on October 16th, 1996, correct?
A. Correct.
Q. All right. Frankly, I can't figure out what day you heard the motion to recuse. Maybe it was by submission. But it looks like on October 17th -- on -- I'm sorry. October 17th the hearing was held.

You deny Lifemark's motion to recuse, correct?

A. Right.
Q. I'm sorry?
A. Yes.
Q. All right. After Lifemark loses -- well after -- on March 11th, 1997, they bring in your other friend, Don Gardner, right?
A. Correct.

02:15 Q. Who also, as I believe you testified before, typically wouldn't be in this kind of case?
A. Absolutely.
Q. He's a divorce lawyer, right?
02:16 A. Right.
Q. Or family lawyer. I don't mean to disparage any area -- kind of practice.
A. Call him a divorce lawyer.
Q. Okay. I'm only saying what he calls himself.
02:16 A. I understand.
Q. And did you think it was unusual for lawyers that don't typically practice in this kind of complex litigation to, all of a sudden, appear before you?
A. Yeah, sure do.
02:16 Q. Did that concern you or trouble you?
A. No, only to the extent that somebody thought they needed to bring somebody else in.
Q. Well, did you ever bring it to the attention of any party that, "Hey, guys, here's -- here's Amato and Creely. They've
02:16 given me money in the past. I want you to know about that because under the canons of ethics I'm supposed to avoid the appearance of impropriety and tell you about these kind of things and recuse myself if the parties have an objection"?
A. I didn't do that.
02:16 Q. So, looks like Mr. Mole, on behalf of Lifemark, brings in

Don Gardner to kind of even the playing field, so to speak, correct?

A. That's --

Q. For whatever reason he had, he brought in Mr. Gardner, right?

A. Correct.

Q. Because he's already lost the recusal motion, right?

A. I don't know if that's why, but he -- he brought him in.

Q. Well, it followed the recusal?

A. It followed the recusal.

Q. Now, we have a non-jury trial, a bench trial, correct?

A. Yeah.

Q. And that starts June 16th, 1997?

A. Right.

Q. And that's some years after this lawsuit has been filed, correct?

A. Yeah.

Q. Moving ahead to April 26th -- tried June 16th, and it looks like the trial went, according to -- if I'm reading this right, Smoothman --

A. It ran on for a period of time.

Q. At least until July 23rd, 1997, correct, because it says, "matter taken under submission" --

A. Yes. Yes.

Q. -- 1997. And judgment was not rendered until April 26,

2000, if I'm reading this right --
A. You're reading correctly.
Q. -- when you had your findings of fact, conclusions of law?
A. Right.
Q. Not to beat a dead horse, Judge Porteous, but you've told this panel that Amato and Creely have given you money, although you can't remember specifics, and you think that Gardner has given you money, but that was not disclosed to any of the other lawyers in this case, correct?
A. That was not.
Q. Lenny Levenson -- I'm sorry.

Don Gardner was -- you stood up at his wedding, correct?
A. I went to his wedding. I don't know if I was in it; but, yeah, I went to his wedding.
Q. And you're the godfather of his daughter -- one of his daughters, right?
A. Uh-huh.
Q. And, Judge Porteous, as we just looked on the docket sheet, Liljeberg was pending in 19 -- in May, June, 1999 --
A. It was.
Q. -- when you went to Vegas courtesy of Creely and others and when you got an envelope, whether it's a banker's envelope or manila, some kind of envelope from the Creely-Amato law firm, right?

02:19 A. Yes, sir, it was pending.
Q. That was during the pendency of that lawsuit?
A. Right.
Q. You didn't tell anybody about that, did you?
02:20 A. I did not.
MR. FINDER: May I have a moment to confer with my co-counsel?
CHIEF JUDGE JONES: Sure.
(Sotto voce discussion between counsel)
02:20 MR. FINDER: Judge, may we -- Judges -- excuse me -- may we have a ten minute break?
CHIEF JUDGE JONES: Yes.
MR. FINDER: Thank you.
CHIEF JUDGE JONES: Sure. Ten minutes?
02:20 THE WITNESS: I -- at 2:30? I mean --
CHIEF JUDGE JONES: Yes, till 2:30.
THE WITNESS: Okay.
CHIEF JUDGE JONES: Thank you.
(Recess taken from 2:20 p.m. to 2:35 p.m.)
02:35 MR. WOODS: We're excusing Claude Lightfoot from our witness list, but Judge Porteous may want to call him; so, he's going to be on call for --
MR. WINSBERG: We'll be available if there's any need.
CHIEF JUDGE JONES: All right.
02:36 MR. WOODS: And we are also excusing Don Gardner.

02:36 JUDGE LAKE: I want to ask -- may I ask Judge Porteous a question about Mr. Gardner?

MR. WOODS: Yes, your Honor. I think Mr. Finder was going to finish up; and then we were going to allow him to 02:36 either testify or for you-all to ask questions, however -- what procedure do you want to follow?

JUDGE LAKE: Let me just ask him a question.

Judge Porteous, during the Liljeberg case, while you were assigned to the case, did Mr. Gardner give you any 02:36 money or give you any consideration of any type, in the form of expenses for trips or anything of that nature?

THE WITNESS: No, Judge, not to my recollection, he did not. Now, the bachelor party, of course, being at the same time, I'm not saying that when we were in Vegas he didn't buy a 02:36 round of drinks or something; but to the best of my knowledge, no.

JUDGE LAKE: Okay. So, other than the bachelor party, you don't recall Gardner giving you anything of value during the pendency of the Liljeberg case?

02:37 THE WITNESS: No, I do not, Judge.

JUDGE LAKE: Thank you.

THE WITNESS: He and I have been friends for a long --

JUDGE BENAVIDES: And you're fixing to let Gardner leave?

02:37 MR. WOODS: Yes, your Honor.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: What do we have with respect to Gardner's role, if any, in the bachelor party and the time period for that?

MR. WOODS: Merely the fact that he attended, your Honor. We have no testimony from Gardner that he gave him money during that period of time.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: During the time that he was associated with the Liljeberg case?

MR. WOODS: Yes, your Honor. Yes, your Honor.

MR. FINDER: All right. May I finish up now?

JUDGE LAKE: Yes.

BY MR. FINDER:

Q. Judge Porteous, I showed you Exhibit 80 when we started off this morning --

A. You did.

Q. -- your oath. Do you feel you have given true faith and allegiance to the United States since you've been a United States District Judge?

A. Yes, because I've been fair and impartial in every proceeding that comes before me.

MR. FINDER: No further questions of the witness.

CHIEF JUDGE JONES: Are you going to ask some more questions about the casino markers?

MR. FINDER: About what, your Honor?

CHIEF JUDGE JONES: Are you going to ask more

02:38 questions about the casino markers?

MR. WOODS: We're going to have a witness testify about those.

MR. FINDER: Not of this witness, but we are going to 02:38 ask more questions of other witnesses.

CHIEF JUDGE JONES: Okay.

Judge Porteous, if you had all this to do over again, would you have filed different financial disclosure statements?

02:39 THE WITNESS: Likely, Judge. I mean, maybe now in hindsight some of it was -- should have been included. The debt was -- the failure to list the correct debt, that was right after the bankruptcy. It was like the end of the world. I mean, my wife was nervous, a wreck, upset. My finances were 02:39 all over the paper. Everybody in America knew my finances. It was just inadvertence, not any intent to hide my finances.

Hell, they were part of the bankruptcy record. They were all over the newspaper.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: All right. The letter from 02:39 Lightfoot to the creditors made specific reference to the exclusion of the -- to exclude this bank with the $5,000 loan. Why was there a specific reference to exclude them from those unsecured creditors that you and Lightfoot were seeking a workout agreement with?

02:40 THE WITNESS: Buddy Butler, as I said before, was --

is and was a friend of mine. To the extent possible, I wanted to try and pay Buddy back all of his money.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: So, you don't, then, disagree that -- that this bank was not put -- or reported in your bankruptcy proceeding as an unsecured creditor, that that was purposefully done?

It was done because you wanted to take care of what you thought was an obligation to a good friend; but there was a specific, conscious decision to exclude it from -- exclude them as -- from your list of unsecured creditors?

THE WITNESS: No, no, not from my ultimate list of unsecured creditors. They were listed as -- when I filed the bankruptcy. But in the potential attempt to avoid bankruptcy, Claude Lightfoot attempted to work out payoffs with all of these creditors where I would pay them X percentage, but I was omitting Regions from that.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: You conscious -- it seems like there was a conscious desire in the workout agreements not to include the bank with the $5,000 loan to it.

THE WITNESS: That's correct.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: And then -- and, then, there was a provision, with respect to payments made prior to the bankruptcy filing, which would have been -- which would have shown that -- well, it's kind of like they weren't there but they -- did you actually pay them off?

02:42 Actually, they wound up not protected, right, with the rest of the unsecured creditors?

THE WITNESS: Who is that, Judge?

CHIEF JUDGE JONES: The Regions Bank.

02:42 JUDGE BENAVIDES: Regions Bank.

THE WITNESS: They were always an unsecured creditor.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: And you're saying that every application that you've had, everything that you had in the -- in the bankruptcy court listed the bank?

02:42 THE WITNESS: Oh, in the bankruptcy court? Absolutely.

CHIEF JUDGE JONES: I guess what rings a bit hollow -- and maybe you can comment on this, because it's not quite a question. But you say you thought -- were thinking you wanted 02:42 to treat your friend fairly. Well, you didn't write down the Fleet Credit Card, and that got paid off so you could maintain that while the bankruptcy was going on. And, then, you also continued to pay off some of the gambling debts. But you could have -- you could have excluded Fleet and paid that one on the 02:42 side, too, even though that wouldn't be standard bankruptcy.

THE WITNESS: Judge, I've read Mr. Lightfoot's grand jury testimony; and I see that Fleet was paid off. I see that.

CHIEF JUDGE JONES: By your secretary.

THE WITNESS: Yeah, it appears it was paid by my 02:43 secretary. It was. That is a card -- it was my wife's card.

My understanding --

JUDGE BENAVIDES: Did you --

THE WITNESS: My understanding was all the cards were torn up. I did not know she had kept that card active until well after the fact. And that is something she should not have done, but she did. And I've got no defense for her, but she did.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: Who is that that shouldn't have done that?

THE WITNESS: My wife.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: Not the secretary? It wasn't the secretary that shouldn't have paid it?

THE WITNESS: No, I'm not talking about the payment. I'm talking about the use of the card thereafter, Judge.

That is just something I regret her doing. As you can tell, it had some casino charges on it, probably several. I don't know when that card was ultimately ended. But I thought she had torn up and cut up all the cards, but that apparently did not happen.

CHIEF JUDGE JONES: So, she paid that with her separate income?

THE WITNESS: I don't know how it got paid, Judge. It probably came out of my checking -- most of the times checks written on my checking account -- I know you-all find this incredible but -- I may have some checks there that I signed,

but the -- my wife dealt with paying the bills. So, I just --

CHIEF JUDGE JONES: That's not what Rhonda Danos said.

THE WITNESS: My home bills, my wife -- all you had -- I'm sure they have the checks. You'll find that her name appears on 90 percent of them. So, I don't know what Rhonda Danos may say about that.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: Well, how would -- how would Ms. Danos -- I'm just trying to understand. If your wife normally took care of those type of bills, how would have Danos been authorized or why she would -- why would she have paid that bill?

THE WITNESS: I don't -- I didn't know that -- till I just saw it, I didn't realize it happened. I don't know, Judge. I can't give you an answer. I'm just being straightforward with you. I can't tell you why. I don't know.

What I would like to do is make a statement in response to that, but I'd rather wait till they complete their case before I do that.

CHIEF JUDGE JONES: That's fine.

THE WITNESS: Okay?

CHIEF JUDGE JONES: Yes.

MR. WOODS: Our next witness is Joseph Mole, and Robert Creely and Amato are on their way. They were ten minutes away, and they were called five minutes ago. So, they -- those are our next three witness.

JUDGE BENAVIDES: Mole will be a short witness?

MR. WOODS: Joseph Mole will be a very short witness, your Honor.

And I have offered -- based on Judge Porteous' testimony, I have offered whether or not he wants to stipulate to the grand jury testimony of Creely and Amato -- and I think he wanted to consider that -- in lieu of -- in lieu of their testimony.

JUDGE LAKE: Why don't you call Mr. Mole, then?

MR. WOODS: Yes, sir. He's just right here in the hall. It will just take a moment.

Will you ask Mr. Mole in Room 204 to come in?

(Witness being summoned to the stand)

CHIEF JUDGE JONES: Is Ms. Danos coming on as a witness?

MR. WOODS: Yes, your Honor.

Mr. Mole, if you would, come up here, sir.

The witness is going to be seated here.

And that's his counsel, Pat Fanning, that is with him, your Honor. He's seated back there.

JUDGE LAKE: Raise your right hand.

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony that you shall give in this proceeding will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

THE WITNESS: I so swear.

TAB I

EXHIBIT I

FRILOT, PARTRIDGE, KOHNKE & CLEMENTS, L.C.
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
3600 ENERGY CENTRE
1100 POYDRAS STREET
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70163-3600
TELEPHONE (504) 599-8000
FACSIMILE (504) 599-8100

WRITER'S DIRECT DIAL NUMBER
599-8006

WRITER'S DIRECT DIAL FAX NUMBER

February 18, 1997

Don C. Gardner, Esq.
c/o Thomas G. Wilkinson, Esq.
320 Huey P. Long Ave.
Gretna, LA 70053

Re: Lifemark Hospitals of Louisiana, Inc.
v. Liljeberg Enterprises, Inc.
Our File: 203-960142

Dear Don:

Lifemark is willing to offer you a fee for assisting with the Liljeberg case as follows:

1. Retainer of $100,000 payable upon enrollment of counsel of record.

2. A fee of $200,000 if after trial there is a judgment allowing Lifemark to terminate the pharmacy agreement with no liability for future damages.

The following sums would be added to the above retainer and fee based upon the level of damages contained in a judgment, provided that the judgment allows Lifemark to terminate the pharmacy agreement with no liability for future damages:

3. A fee $100,000 if the damages for past actions are less than $15 million in principal. (Total fee of $400,000)

4. A fee of $200,000 if the damages are less than $5 million in principal. (Total fee of $500,000)

5. A fee of $300,000 if the damages are zero. (Total fee of $600,000)

Further, Lifemark will pay you $100,000 as a severance fee in the event that Judge Porteous withdraws or if the case settles prior to trial. This would result in a total of $200,000 ($100,000 retainer plus $100,000) if the case settles or if Judge Porteous ceases to be our judge. This is to satisfy your concern that involvement in

this time consuming case will harm your present practice. As you explained, if the trial is continued beyond June because Judge Porteous withdraws and gives the case to a new judge, you will not be able to remain involved. Also, Lifemark wants to give you some incentive to be involved, even if the case settles.

To reiterate, Lifemark is willing to offer you an outcome determinative fee. You would receive the following fees based upon the results described:

1. $200,000 if Judge Porteous withdraws, or if the case settles prior to trial ($100,000 retainer plus $100,000 severance).

2. $300,000. This would be the minimum payable for any result that allows Lifemark to terminate the pharmacy agreement with no liability for future damages.

3. $400,000 for a judgment or other result allowing Lifemark to terminate the contract with no liability for future damages, and with damages for past actions in an amount less than $15 million in principal.

4. $500,000. This sum would be payable if the damages are less than $5 million in principal, and Lifemark is able to terminate the contract as described above.

5. $600,000. This fee would be payable if the trial resulted in a judgment allowing Lifemark to terminate the contract and damages are zero.

I look forward to meeting with you later this week.

Very truly yours,

Joseph N. Mole

JNM:kcb

cc: Gary K. Ruff, Esq.

TAB J

Fleet
P.O.BOX 15480
WILMINGTON DE 19850

Account Number	[redacted]
Minimum Payment Due	21.00
Past Due Amount	0.00
Payment Due Date	04/15/01
New Balance	1,088.41

Amount Enclosed

Make Payment To:

FLEET CREDIT CARD SERVICE
PO BOX 15368
WILMINGTON DE 19886-5368

!!988653681871

CARMELLA G PORTEOUS
4801 NEYREY DR
METAIRIE LA 70002-1426

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[redacted]

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Fleet

For Customer Service call:
1-800-492-2500
or write: PO BOX 15480
WILMINGTON DE 19850-5480

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PAYMENT INFORMATION

Account Number	[redacted]
Minimum Payment Due	21.00
Amount Past Due	0.00
Amount Over Credit Limit	0.00
Payment Due Date	04/15/01

ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Previous Balance	$1,251.07
(+) Purchases & Cash Advances	182.50
(-) Payments & Credits	370.00
(+) Debit Adjustments	0.00
(+) FINANCE CHARGES & Fees	24.84
(=) New Balance	$1,088.41

Total Credit Limit	Total Available Credit	Cash Advance Credit Limit	Cash Advance Available Credit	Days In Billing Cycle	Billing Cycle Closing Date
1,200	111	600	111	31	03/19/01

ACCOUNT TRANSACTIONS

Transaction Date	Posting Date	Reference Number	Description	Amount
03/05	03/05	8544719202V0JEQH3	PAYMENT - THANK YOU	370.00 -
03/06	03/06	23483072Z33B1JGWK	T & T STORE METAIRIE LA	24.51
03/08	03/08	8042562233SZWXKHL	GCA*HARRAH S NEW ORLEA 800-644-0439 LA	157.99
03/19	03/19	*FINANCE CHARGE*	PURCHASES $24.84 CASH ADVANCE $0.00	24.84

INFORMATION FOR YOU

BASED UPON A REVIEW OF YOUR FINANCIAL PROFILE,
WE HAVE REDUCED YOUR CREDIT LIMIT. REFER TO
THIS STATEMENT FOR YOUR NEW LIMIT.

ENCLOSED IS OUR NEW PRIVACY POLICY, WHICH DESCRIBES OUR PRIVACY COMMITMENT TO YOU. THIS NEW POLICY REPLACES ANY OTHER DISCLOSURES FIRST MADE BEFORE MARCH 1, 2001 REGARDING OUR INFORMATION PRACTICES.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED IS IMPORTANT TO US. EVEN IF YOU DO NOT CURRENTLY HAVE A BALANCE, WE'VE ENCLOSED WITH THIS STATEMENT AN AMENDMENT TO YOUR FLEET CARDHOLDER AGREEMENT.

	Average Daily Balance	Nominal *Annual Percentage Rate*	Promotional Outstanding Balance	Daily Periodic Rate	FINANCE CHARGES Due to Daily Periodic Rate	FINANCE CHARGES Transaction Fees
PURCHASES	$1,153.58	18.92%	N/A	.05182%	$18.53	$6.31
CASH ADVANCES	$0.00	21.42%	N/A	.05867%	$0.00	$0.00

ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE for purchases 25.84% ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE for cash advances 21.42%

If you have a variable rate account, your periodic rates may vary.

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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ID [redacted] Seq:39 Date:03/29/2001 Card# [redacted] Amt:$1088.41

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RHONDA F. DANOS 03/97
2013 SUWANNEE DR. PH 347-3669
MARRERO, LA 70072

DATE 3/23/01 [redacted]

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Fleet $ 1088.41

One thousand eighty-eight & 41/100 DOLLARS

HIBERNIA NATIONAL BANK Command CHECKING
JEFFERSON PARISH, LOUISIANA

FOR [redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted] Seq:40 ABA: [redacted] Acct [redacted] Chek#:1660 Amt:$1088.41

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Fleet
P.O.BOX 15480
WILMINGTON DE 19850

Account Number	[redacted]
Minimum Payment Due	14.00
Past Due Amount	0.00
Payment Due Date	05/14/01
New Balance	748.29

Amount Enclosed

Make Payment To:

FLEET CREDIT CARD SERVICE
PO BOX 15368
WILMINGTON DE 19886-5368

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CARMELLA G PORTEOUS
4801 NEYREY DR
METAIRIE LA 70002-1426

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WILMINGTON DE 19850-5480

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Account Number	[redacted]
Minimum Payment Due	14.00
Amount Past Due	0.00
Amount Over Credit Limit	0.00
Payment Due Date	05/14/01

ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Previous Balance	$1,088.41
(+) Purchases & Cash Advances	739.66
(-) Payments & Credits	1,088.41
(+) Debit Adjustments	0.00
(+) FINANCE CHARGES & Fees	8.63
(=) New Balance	$748.29

Total Credit Limit	Total Available Credit	Cash Advance Credit Limit	Cash Advance Available Credit	Days In Billing Cycle	Billing Cycle Closing Date
1,200	378	600	378	29	04/17/01

ACCOUNT TRANSACTIONS

Transaction Date	Posting Date	Reference Number	Description	Amount
03/29	03/29	85447192R2SN3ZSHS	PAYMENT - THANK YOU	1,088.41 -
04/07	04/07	70432733161D9WQHT	SHOE STATION BILOXI MS	80.22
04/08	04/08	804173433L3H4N6RH	GAMECASH*MS18003633321 BILOXI MS	215.99
04/13	04/13	70410193AJHB23Q3Q	LIMITED STORES00000823 METAIRIE LA	117.45
04/13	04/13	70411173830WR3PZY	GAP #4527/THE METAIRIE LA	24.71
04/13	04/13	7046029382524G53A	AVEDA LIFESTYLE STORE- METAIRIE LA	14.68
04/13	04/13	80450793932S583JB	BEAU RIVAGE HOTEL AND BILOXI MS	231.00
04/15	04/15	78447323A61FL5GGS	PALACE THEATRE 20 THE HARAHAN LA	10.00
04/15	04/15	78447323A61FL5GJ4	PALACE THEATRE 20 THE HARAHAN LA	13.00
04/16	04/16	80536063B48M7A152	VALENTINE SHOE GAL METAIRIE LA	32.61
04/17	04/17	*FINANCE CHARGE*	PURCHASES $8.63 CASH ADVANCE $0.00	8.63

INFORMATION FOR YOU

SPECIAL SAVINGS FROM AVIS FOR FLEET CARDMEMBERS!
SIMPLY MENTION YOUR AVIS WORLDWIDE DISCOUNT
NUMBER (AWD) A4019000 WHEN YOU RESERVE YOUR CAR
TO ENJOY THESE SAVINGS. FOR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CALL
YOUR TRAVEL CONSULTANT OR AVIS 1-800-831-8000.

	Average Daily Balance	Nominal *Annual Percentage Rate*	Promotional Outstanding Balance	Daily Periodic Rate	FINANCE CHARGES Due to Daily Periodic Rate	FINANCE CHARGES Transaction Fees
PURCHASES	$0.00	18.92%	N/A	.05182%	$0.00	$8.63
CASH ADVANCES	$0.00	21.42%	N/A	.05867%	$0.00	$0.00

ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE for purchases 47.95%

ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE for cash advances 21.42%

If you have a variable rate account, your periodic rates may vary.

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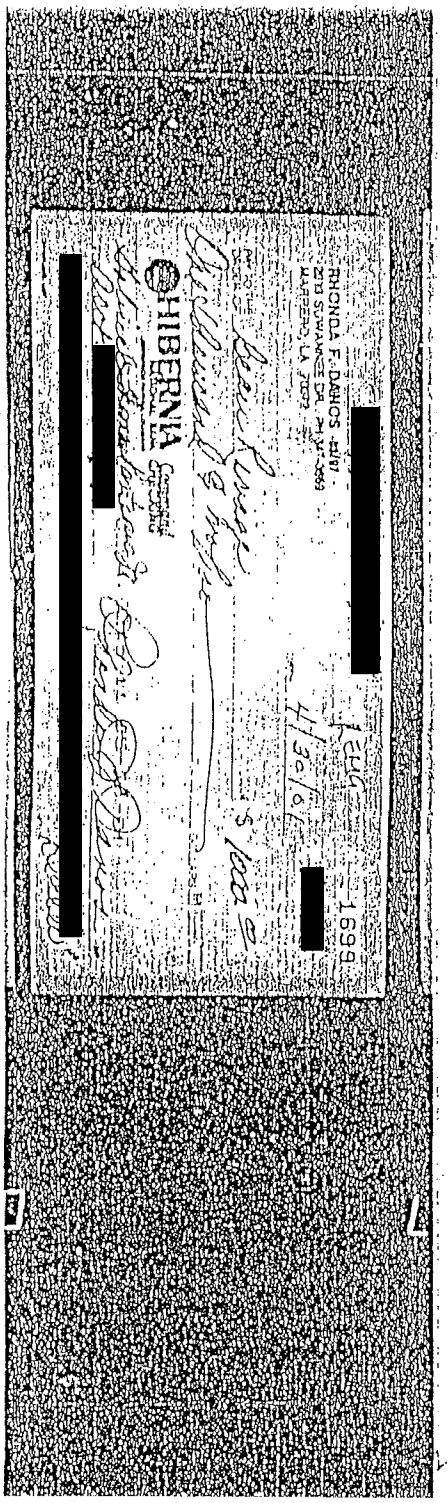

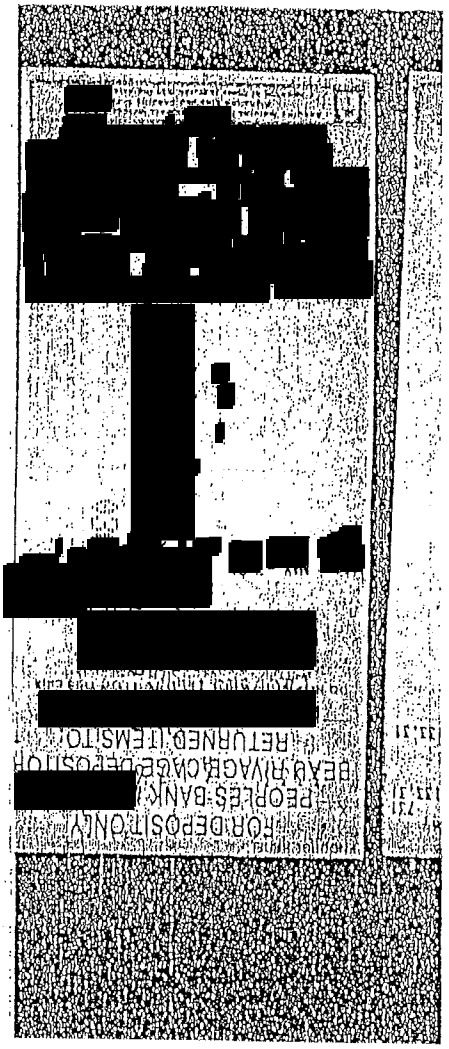

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Financial Disclosure Report

Filing Instructions for Judicial Officers and Employees

Committee on Financial Disclosure
Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts
Suite 2-301
One Columbus Circle, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20544
202-502-1850
January 3, 2005

VI. Liabilities

Information pertaining to the reporting person, spouse, and dependent children is required in this part.

In this part, list all of your, your spouse's and dependent children's liabilities to any creditor other than a spouse, parent, brother, sister, or child, which exceeded $10,000 at any time during the reporting period. Sections 102(a)(4) and 102(e)(1)(E).

For annual reports, the reporting period is the calendar year preceding the date of the report. Section 102(a)(4). For initial and final reports, see Appendices I and II, respectively, for the appropriate reporting periods.

In this part, list the identity and category of value of each liability The identity includes the name of the creditor and a description of the liability. Section 102(a)(4). To assist the reviewer, liabilities should be listed in the same order as in the previous report.

The category codes for the amount owed as of the end of the reporting period are shown on the report and are as follows:

J -	$15,000 or less	P1 -	$1,000,001 to $5,000,000
K -	$15,001 to $50,000	P2 -	$5,000,001 to $25,000,000
L -	$50,001 to $100,000	P3 -	$25,000,001 to $50,000,000
M -	$100,001 to $250,000	P4 -	more than $50,000,000
N -	$250,001 to $500,000		
O -	$500,001 to $1,000,000		

Section 102(d)(1).

The reporting requirement relates to obligations that at any time during the reporting period exceeded $10,000, but the amount to be shown by the category code is the amount owed as of the end of the reporting period. If the debt was entirely repaid before the end of the reporting period, enter "None."

You are not required to report:

- any liability owed to a spouse, parent, brother, sister, or child. Section 102(a)(4).
- any mortgage, home equity loan, or line of credit secured by real property which is a personal residence of you or your spouse. Section 102(a)(4)(A).
- any loan secured by a personal motor vehicle, household furniture, or appliances that does not exceed the purchase price of the item securing the liability. Section 102(a)(4)(B).

- any information with respect to a spouse living separate and apart from you with the intention of terminating the marriage or providing for permanent separation or with respect to any income or obligations arising from the dissolution of the marriage or permanent separation. Section 102(e)(2).

- any revolving charge account whose balance did not exceed $10,000 as of the close of the preceding calendar year.

- political campaign funds, including campaign receipts and expenditures. Section 102(g).

- any liability which is the sole liability or responsibility of the spouse or child; which is not derived from the assets, income or activities of the reporting person; from which the reporting person does not derive or expect to derive a benefit; and of which the reporting person has no knowledge. Section 102(e)(1)(E). Omission of such data indicates a certification of these statutory conditions. This rule also applies to the reporting of investments and trusts, see the Instructions for Part VII.

If you, your spouse, and dependent children did not have any reportable liabilities, check the "None" box rather than leaving Part VI blank.

VI. LIABILITIES. *(Includes those of spouse and dependent children. See pp. 32-33 of Instructions.)*

	CREDITOR	DESCRIPTION	VALUE CODE*
☐	**NONE** (No reportable liabilities)		
1	Old National Bank	Credit Card	L
2	Bank of America	Mortgage on Rental Prop. #1, Alexandria, VA (Pt VII, line 2)	M

*Value Codes: J=$15,000 or less K=$15,001-$50,000 L=$50,001-$100,000 M=$100,001-$250,000 N=$250,001-$500,000 O=$500,001-$1,000,000 P1=$1,000,001-$5,000,000 P2=$5,000,001-$25,000,000 P3=$25,000,001-$50,000,000 P4=$50,000,001 or more

Notes to filer:

___ *Do you, your spouse, or dependent child have any reportable liabilities over $10,000?*

___ *Did you list the identity of the creditor, a description of the liability, and a value code for the amount?*

___ *If a mortgage is listed, is there a corresponding entry for the property in Part VII?*

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The category codes for the amount owed as of the end of the reporting period are shown on the report and are as follows:

J -	$15,000 or less	P1 -	$1,000,001 to $5,000,000
K -	$15,001 to $50,000	P2 -	$5,000,001 to $25,000,000
L -	$50,001 to $100,000	P3 -	$25,000,001 to $50,000,000
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The reporting requirement relates to obligations that at any time during the reporting period exceeded $10,000, but the amount to be shown by the category code is the amount owed as of the end of the reporting period. If the debt was entirely repaid before the end of the reporting period, enter "None."

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- political campaign funds, including campaign receipts and expenditures. Section 102(g).

- any liability which is the sole liability or responsibility of the spouse or child; which is not derived from the assets, income or activities of the reporting person; from which the reporting person does not derive or expect to derive a benefit; and of which the reporting person has no knowledge. Section 102(e)(1)(E). Omission of such data indicates a certification of these statutory conditions. This rule also applies to the reporting of investments and trusts, see the Instructions for Part VII.

If you, your spouse, and dependent children did not have any reportable liabilities, check the "None" box rather than leaving Part VI blank.

VI. LIABILITIES. *(Includes those of spouse and dependent children. See pp. 32-33 of Instructions.)*

	CREDITOR	DESCRIPTION	VALUE CODE*
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Notes to filer:

___ *Do you, your spouse, or dependent child have any reportable liabilities over $10,000?*

___ *Did you list the identity of the creditor, a description of the liability, and a value code for the amount?*

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FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1994

Report Required by the Ethics Reform Act of 1989, Pub. L. No. 101-194, November 30, 1989 (5 U.S.C.A. App. 6, 101-112)

1. Person Reporting (Last name, first, middle initial)	2. Court or Organization	3. Date of Report
Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T.	United States District Court Eastern District of Louisiana	5 /08 / 95
4. Title (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; Magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time) Active United States District Court Judge	5. Report Type (check appropriate type) ___ Nomination, Date __/__/__ ___ Initial X Annual ___ Final	6. Reporting Period 1/1/94-12/31/94
7. Chambers or Office Address United States District Court 500 Camp St., Section T New Orleans, La. 70130	8. On the basis of the information contained in this Report and any modifications pertaining thereto, it is, in my opinion, in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Reviewing Officer _____ Date _____	

IMPORTANT NOTES: The instructions accompanying this form must be followed. Complete all parts, checking the NONE box for each section where you have no reportable information. Sign on last page.

I. POSITIONS. (Reporting individual only; see pp. 9-13 of Instructions.)

	POSITION	NAME OF ORGANIZATION/ENTITY
X	NONE (No reportable positions)	

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II. AGREEMENTS. (Reporting individual only; see pp. 14-17 of Instructions.)

DATE	PARTIES AND TERMS
X	NONE (No reportable agreements)

III. NON-INVESTMENT INCOME. (Reporting individual and spouse; see pp. 18-25 of Instructions.)

	DATE	SOURCE AND TYPE	GROSS INCOME (yours, not spouse's)
		NONE (No reportable non-investment income)	
1	1994	Judicial State of Louisiana	$66,904.87
2	1994	United States District Court	$12,246.66
3	1994	Vascular Laboratory, Inc. (S)	$16,507.18
4			$
5			$

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FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT

Name of Person Reporting	Date of Report
Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T.	5/08/95

V. REIMBURSEMENTS and GIFTS -- transportation, lodging, food, entertainment.

(Includes those to spouse and dependent children; use the parentheticals "(S)" and "(DC)" to indicate reportable reimbursements and gifts received by spouse and dependent children, respectively. See pp. 26-29 of Instructions.)

	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION
X	NONE (No such reportable reimbursements or gifts)	
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
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V. OTHER GIFTS.

(Includes those to spouse and dependent children; use the parentheticals "(S)" and "(DC)" to indicate other gifts received by spouse and dependent children, respectively. See pp. 30-33 of Instructions.)

	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
	NONE (No such reportable gifts)		
1	Federal Bar Association	Judicial Robe	$ 300.00
2	Federal Bar Association	Investiture Reception	$ 1000.00
3			$
4			$

VI. LIABILITIES.

(Includes those of spouse and dependent children; indicate where applicable, person responsible for liability by using the parenthetical "(S)" for separate liability of the spouse, "(J)" for joint liability of reporting individual and spouse, and "(DC)" for liability of a dependent child. See pp. 34-36 of Instructions.)

	CREDITOR	DESCRIPTION	VALUE CODE*
X	NONE (No reportable liabilities)		
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			

* VALUE CODES: J = $15,000 or less K = $15,001 - $50,000 L = $50,001 - $100,000 M = $100,001 to $250,000
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FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT

Name of Person Reporting	Date of Report
Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T.	5 /08 /95

VII. Page 1 INVESTMENTS and TRUSTS -- income, value, transactions

(Includes those of spouse and dependent children. See pp. 37-54 of Instructions.)

A. Description of Assets (including trust assets) Indicate where applicable, owner of the asset by using the parenthetical "(J)" for joint ownership of reporting individual and spouse, "(S)" for separate ownership by spouse, "(DC)" for ownership by dependent child. Place "(X)" after each asset exempt from prior disclosure.	B. Income during reporting period		C. Gross value at end of reporting period		D. Transactions during reporting period				
						If not exempt from disclosure			
	(1) Amt. Code1 (A-H)	(2) Type (e.g., div., rent, or int.)	(1) Value Code2 (J-P)	(2) Value Method Code3 (Q-W)	(1) Type (e.g., buy, sell, merger, redemption)	(2) Date: Month-Day	(3) Value Code2 (J-P)	(4) Gain Code1 (A-H)	(5) Identity of buyer/seller (if private transaction)
X NONE (No reportable income, assets, or transactions)									
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1 Income/Gain Codes: (See Col. B1 & D4) A=$1,000 or less; B=$1,001 to $2,500; C=$2,501 to $5,000; D=$5,001 to $15,000; E=$15,001 to $50,000; F=$50,001 to $100,000; G=$100,001 to $1,000,000; H=More than $1,000,000

2 Value Codes: (See Col. C1 & D3) J=$15,000 or less; K=$15,001 to $50,000; L=$50,001 to $100,000; M=$100,001 to $250,000; N=$250,001 to $500,000; O=$500,001 to $1,000,000; P=More than $1,000,000

3 Value Method Codes: (See Col. C2) Q=Appraisal; R=Cost(real estate only); S=Assessment; T=Cash/Market; U=Book Value; V=Other; W=Estimated

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT (cont'd)	Name of Person Reporting	Date of Report
	Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T.	5/08/95

VIII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION or EXPLANATIONS. **(Indicate part of Report.)**

IX. CERTIFICATION.

In compliance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 455 and of Advisory Opinion No. 57 of the Advisory Committee on Judicial Activities, and to the best of my knowledge at the time after reasonable inquiry, I did not perform any adjudicatory function in any litigation during the period covered by this report in which I, my spouse, or my minor or dependent children had a financial interest, as defined in Canon 3C(3)(c), in the outcome of such litigation.

I certify that all information given above (including information pertaining to my spouse and minor or dependent children, if any) is accurate, true, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that any information not reported was withheld because it met applicable statutory provisions permitting non-disclosure.

I further certify that earned income from outside employment and honoraria and the acceptance of gifts which have been reported are in compliance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C.A. app. 7, § 501 et. seq., 5 U.S.C. § 7353 and Judicial Conference regulations.

Signature Gabriel T. Porteous Date May 8, 1995

NOTE: ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO KNOWINGLY AND WILFULLY FALSIFIES OR FAILS TO FILE THIS REPORT MAY BE SUBJECT TO CIVIL AND CRIMINAL SANCTIONS (5 U.S.C.A. APP. 6, § 104, AND 18 U.S.C. § 1001.)

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FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1995

Report Required by the Ethics Reform Act of 1989, Pub. L. No. 101-194, November 30, 1989 (5 U.S.C. App. 6, 101-112)

1. Person Reporting (Last name, first, middle initial)	2. Court or Organization	3. Date of Report
Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T.	United States District Court Eastern District of Louisiana	5/01/96
4. Title (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; Magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time) Active United States District Court Judge	5. Report Type (check appropriate type) ___ Nomination, Date __/__/__ ___ Initial _X_ Annual ___ Final	6. Reporting Period 1/1/95 - 12/31/95
7. Chambers or Office Address United States District Court 500 Camp St., C206 New Orleans, Louisiana 70130	8. On the basis of the information contained in this Report and any modifications pertaining thereto, it is, in my opinion, in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Reviewing Officer _____ Date _____	

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I. POSITIONS. (Reporting individual only; see pp. 9-13 of Instructions.)

	POSITION	NAME OF ORGANIZATION/ENTITY
X	NONE (No reportable positions)	

II. AGREEMENTS. (Reporting individual only; see pp. 14-17 of Instructions.)

DATE	PARTIES AND TERMS
X	NONE (No reportable agreements)

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III. NON-INVESTMENT INCOME. (Reporting individual and spouse; see pp. 18-25 of Instructions.)

	DATE	SOURCE AND TYPE	GROSS INCOME (yours, not spouse's)
		NONE (No reportable non-investment income)	
1	1995	United States District Court	$
2	1995	Vascular Laboratory, Inc. (S)	$
3			$
4			$
5			$

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FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT

Name of Person Reporting	Date of Report
Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T.	5 /01 /96

IV. REIMBURSEMENTS and GIFTS -- transportation, lodging, food, entertainment.

(Includes those to spouse and dependent children; use the parentheticals "(S)" and "(DC)" to indicate reportable reimbursements and gifts received by spouse and dependent children, respectively. See pp. 26-29 of Instructions.)

	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION
[X]	NONE (No such reportable reimbursements or gifts)	
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V. OTHER GIFTS.

(Includes those to spouse and dependent children; use the parentheticals "(S)" and "(DC)" to indicate other gifts received by spouse and dependent children, respectively. See pp. 30-33 of Instructions.)

	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
[X]	NONE (No such reportable gifts)		
1			$
2			$
3			$
4			$

VI. LIABILITIES.

(Includes those of spouse and dependent children; indicate where applicable, person responsible for liability by using the parenthetical "(S)" for separate liability of the spouse, "(J)" for joint liability of reporting individual and spouse, and "(DC)" for liability of a dependent child. See pp. 34-36 of Instructions.)

	CREDITOR	DESCRIPTION	VALUE CODE*
[X]	NONE (No reportable liabilities)		
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* VALUE CODES: J = $15,000 or less; K = $15,001 - $50,000; L = $50,001 - $100,000; M = $100,001 to $250,000; N = $250,001 - $500,000; O = $500,001 - $1,000,000; P = More than $1,000,000

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Name of Person Reporting	Date of Report
Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T.	5 /01 /96

VII. Page 1 INVESTMENTS and TRUSTS -- income, value, transactions (Includes those of spouse and dependent children. See pp. 37-54 of Instructions.)

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		(1) Amt.1 Code (A-H)	(2) Type (e.g., div., rent or int.)	(1) Value2 Code (J-P)	(2) Value Method3 Code (Q-W)	(1) Type (e.g., buy, sell, merger, redemption)	If not exempt from disclosure: (2) Date Month-Day	(3) Value2 Code (J-P)	(4) Gain1 Code (A-H)	(5) Identity of buyer/seller (if private transaction)
X	NONE (No reportable income, assets, or transactions)									
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1 Income/Gain Codes: (See Col. B1 & D4) A=$1,000 or less; B=$1,001 to $2,500; C=$2,501 to $5,000; D=$5,001 to $15,000; E=$15,001 to $50,000; F=$50,001 to $100,000; G=$100,001 to $1,000,000; H=More than $1,000,000

2 Value Codes: (See Col. C1 & D3) J=$15,000 or less; K=$15,001 to $50,000; L=$50,001 to $100,000; M=$100,001 to $250,000; N=$250,001 to $500,000; O=$500,001 to $1,000,000; P=More than $1,000,000

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FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT

Name of Person Reporting	Date of Report
Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T.	5/01/96

VIII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION or EXPLANATIONS. (Indicate part of Report.)

IX. CERTIFICATION.

In compliance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 455 and of Advisory Opinion No. 57 of the Advisory Committee on Judicial Activities, and to the best of my knowledge at the time after reasonable inquiry, I did not perform any adjudicatory function in any litigation during the period covered by this report in which I, my spouse, or my minor or dependent children had a financial interest, as defined in Canon 3C(3)(c), in the outcome of such litigation.

I certify that all information given above (including information pertaining to my spouse and minor or dependent children, if any) is accurate, true, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that any information not reported was withheld because it met applicable statutory provisions permitting non-disclosure.

I further certify that earned income from outside employment and honoraria and the acceptance of gifts which have been reported are in compliance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C.A. app. 7, § 501 et. seq., 5 U.S.C. § 7353 and Judicial Conference regulations.

Signature _____ Date May 2, 1996

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1. Person Reporting (Last name, first, middle initial)	2. Court or Organization	3. Date of Report
Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T.	United States District Court Eastern District of Louisiana	5/12/97
4. Title (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; Magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time) Active United States District Court Judge	**5. Report Type** (check appropriate type) ___ Nomination, Date __/__/__ ___ Initial _X_ Annual ___ Final	**6. Reporting Period** 1/1/96-12/31/96
7. Chambers or Office Address United States District Court 500 Camp St., C206 New Orleans, Louisiana 70130	**8.** On the basis of the information contained in this Report and any modifications pertaining thereto, it is, in my opinion, in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Reviewing Officer _____ Date _____	

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X	NONE (No reportable positions)	

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DATE	PARTIES AND TERMS
X	NONE (No reportable agreements)

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III. NON-INVESTMENT INCOME. (Reporting individual and spouse; see pp. 18-25 of Instructions.)

	DATE	SOURCE AND TYPE	GROSS INCOME (yours, not spouse's)
		NONE (No reportable non-investment income)	
1	1996	United States District Court	$
2	1996	Vascular Laboratory, Inc. (S)	$
3			$
4			$
5			$

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FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT	Name of Person Reporting: Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T.	Date of Report: 5/12/97

IV. REIMBURSEMENTS and GIFTS -- transportation, lodging, food, entertainment.

(Includes those to spouse and dependent children; use the parentheticals "(S)" and "(DC)" to indicate reportable reimbursements and gifts received by spouse and dependent children, respectively. See pp. 26-29 of Instructions.)

	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION
X	NONE (No such reportable reimbursements or gifts)	
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V. OTHER GIFTS.

(Includes those to spouse and dependent children; use the parentheticals "(S)" and "(DC)" to indicate other gifts received by spouse and dependent children, respectively. See pp. 30-33 of Instructions.)

	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
X	NONE (No such reportable gifts)		
1			
2			$
3			$
4			$
			$

VI. LIABILITIES.

(Includes those of spouse and dependent children; indicate where applicable, person responsible for liability by using the parenthetical "(S)" for separate liability of the spouse, "(J)" for joint liability of reporting individual and spouse, and "(DC)" for liability of a dependent child. See pp. 34-36 of Instructions.)

	CREDITOR	DESCRIPTION	VALUE CODE*
X	NONE (No reportable liabilities)		
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*Value Codes: J=$15,000 or less; K=$15,001-$50,000; L=$50,001-$100,000; M=$100,001-$250,000; N=$250,001-$500,000; O=$500,001-$1,000,000; P1=$1,000,001-$5,000,000; P2=$5,000,001-$25,000,000; P3=$25,000,001-$50,000,000; P4=$50,000,001 or more

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT

Name of Person Reporting	Date of Report
Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T.	5/12/97

VII. Page 1 INVESTMENTS and TRUSTS -- income, value, transactions (Includes those of spouse and dependent children. See pp. 37-54 of Instructions.)

A. Description of Assets (including trust assets). Indicate where applicable, owner of the asset by using the parenthetical "(J)" for joint ownership of reporting individual and spouse, "(S)" for separate ownership by spouse, "(DC)" for ownership by dependent child. Place "(X)" after each asset exempt from prior disclosure.	B. Income during reporting period		C. Gross value at end of reporting period		D. Transactions during reporting period				
	(1) Amt.[1] Code (A-H)	(2) Type (e.g., div., rent or int.)	(1) Value[2] Code (J-P)	(2) Value Method[3] Code (Q-W)	(1) Type (e.g. buy, sell, merger, redemption)	If not exempt from disclosure: (2) Date: Month-Day	(3) Value[2] Code (J-P)	(4) Gain[1] Code (A-H)	(5) Identity of buyer/seller (if private transaction)
☐ NONE (No reportable income, assets, or transactions)									
Fidelity Investments [1]Fidelity Management Trust-IRA	E	Distrib.	L						
Noble Drilling Corp. [2]Common Stock		None	J		Buy	11/96	J		
Oberweis FDS [3]Emerging Growth Mutual Fund	A	Div.	J		Buy	10/96	J		
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1 Inc/Gain Cds: (Col. B1,D4)	A=$1,000 or less F=$50,001-$100,000	B=$1,001-$2,500 G=$100,001-$1,000,000	C=$2,501-$5,000 H1=$1,000,001-$5,000,000	D=$5,001-$15,000 H2=$5,000,001 or more	E=$15,001-$50,000
2 Val Cds: (Col. C1,D3)	J=$15,000 or less O=$500,001-$1,000,000 P3=$25,000,001-$50,000,000	K=$15,001-$50,000 P1=$1,000,001-$5,000,000 P4=$50,000,001 or more	L=$50,001-$100,000	M=$100,001-$250,000 P2=$5,000,001-$25,000,000	N=$250,001-$500,000
3 Val Mth Cds: (Col. C2)	Q=Appraisal U=Book Value	R=Cost(real estate only) V=Other		S=Assesment W=Estimated	T=Cash/Market

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT (cont'd)	Name of Person Reporting	Date of Report
	Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T.	5/12/97

VIII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR EXPLANATIONS (Indicate part of Report.)

IX. CERTIFICATION.

In compliance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 455 and of Advisory Opinion No. 57 of the Advisory Committee on Judicial Activities, and to the best of my knowledge at the time after reasonable inquiry, I did not perform any adjudicatory function in any litigation during the period covered by this report in which I, my spouse, or my minor or dependent children had a financial interest, as defined in Canon 3C(3)(c), in the outcome of such litigation.

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Signature _____ Date 5/12/97

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4. Title *(Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time)* Active United States District Court Judge	**5. ReportType (check appropriate type)** ___Nomination, Date _____ ___Initial X Annual ___Final	**6. Reporting Period** 1/1/97 - 12/31/97
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I. POSITIONS. *(Reporting individual only; see pp. 9-13 of Instructions.)*

	POSITION	NAME OF ORGANIZATION/ENTITY
X	NONE (No reportable positions.)	
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II. AGREEMENTS. *(Reporting individual only; see pp. 14-16 of Instructions.)*

	DATE	PARTIES AND TERMS
X	NONE (No reportable agreements.)	
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III. NON-INVESTMENT INCOME. *(Reporting individual and spouse; see pp. 17-24 of Instructions.)*

	DATE	SOURCE AND TYPE	GROSS INCOME (yours, not spouse's)
	NONE (No reportable non-investment income.)		
1			
2	1997	State of Louisiana (Department of Employment Security) (S)	$
3			$
4			$
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FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT

Name of Person Reporting	Date of Report
Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T.	5/13/98

IV. REIMBURSEMENTS -- transportation, lodging, food, entertainment.

(Includes those to spouse and dependent children; use the parentheticals "(S)" and "(DC)" to indicate reportable reimbursements received by spouse and dependent children, respectively. See pp. 25-28 of Instructions.)

	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION
X	NONE (No such reportable reimbursements.)	
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V. GIFTS. *(Includes those to spouse and dependent children; use the parentheticals "(S)" and "(DC)" to indicate gifts received by spouse and dependent children, respectively. See pp. 29-32 of Instructions.)*

	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
X	NONE (No such reportable gifts.)		
1			$
2			$
3			$
4			$

VI. LIABILITIES. *(Includes those of spouse and dependent children; indicate, where applicable, person responsible for liability by using the parenthetical "(S)" for separate liability of the spouse, "(J)" for joint liability of reporting individual and spouse, and "(DC)" for liability of a dependent child. See pp. 33-35 of Instructions.)*

	CREDITOR	DESCRIPTION	VALUE CODE*
X	NONE (No reportable liabilities.)		
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*Value Codes: J = $15,000 or less; K = $15,001-$50,000; L = $50,001-$100,000; M = $100,001-$250,000; N = $250,001-$500,000; O = $500,001-$1,000,000; P1 = $1,000,001-$5,000,000; P2 = $5,000,001-$25,000,000; P3 = $25,000,001-$50,000,000; P4 = More than $50,000,000

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT

Name of Person Reporting	Date of Report
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VII. Page 1 INVESTMENTS and TRUSTS -- income, value, transactions *(Includes those of spouse and dependent children. See pp. 36-54 of Instructions.)*

A Description of Assets (including trust assets) *Include any reportable asset owned by the filer and his spouse or dependent children, as well as assets held in trust which the filer reports an interest. See p. 36 of Instructions. For any "qualified blind trust" (see p. 37), complete only Parts A and B. Do not complete any other parts.*	B Income during reporting period	C Gross value at end of reporting period	D Transactions during reporting period						
	(1) Amount (A-H)	(2) Type (e.g., div., rent or int.)	(1) Value Code 1 (J-P)	(2) Value Method Code 2 (Q-W)	(1) Type (e.g., buy, sell or redemption)	(2) Date Month-Day	(3) Value Code 1 (J-P)	(4) Gain Code 2 (A-H)	(5) Identity of buyer/seller (if private transaction)
☐ NONE (No reportable income, assets, or transactions.)									
1 Fidelity Investments Fidelity Management Trust-IRA	E	Distrib.	K		None				
2 Noble Drilling Corp. Common Stock		None	J		None				
3 Oberweis FDS Emerging Growth Mutual Fund		None	J		None				
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2. Value Codes: J=$15,000 or less, K=$15,001-$50,000, L=$50,001-$100,000, M=$100,001-$250,000, N=$250,001-$500,000, O=$500,001-$1,000,000, P1=$1,000,001-$5,000,000, P2=$5,000,001-$25,000,000, P3=$25,000,001-$50,000,000, P4=More than $50,000,000 (See Col. C1, D3)
3. Value Method Codes: Q=Appraisal, R=Cost (real estate only), S=Assessment, T=Cash Market, U=Book value, V=Other, W=Estimated (See Col. C2)

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT	Name of Person Reporting Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T.	Date of Report 5/13/98

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1. Person Reporting *(Last name, first, middle initial)*	2. Court or Organization	3. Date of Report
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4. Title *(Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time)*	5. ReportType (check appropriate type)	6. Reporting Period
Active United States District Court Judge	___ Nomination, Date _____ ___ Initial X Annual ___ Final	1/1/98 - 12/31/98

7. Chambers or Office Address	8. On the basis of the information contained in this Report and any modifications pertaining thereto, it is, in my opinion, in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
United States District Court 500 Camp St., C206 New Orleans, La. 70130	Reviewing Officer _____ Date _____

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I. POSITIONS. *(Reporting individual only; see pp. 9-13 of Instructions.)*

POSITION | NAME OF ORGANIZATION/ENTITY

[X] NONE (No reportable positions.)

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II. AGREEMENTS. *(Reporting individual only; see pp. 14-16 of Instructions.)*

DATE | PARTIES AND TERMS

[X] NONE (No reportable agreements.)

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III. NON-INVESTMENT INCOME. *(Reporting individual and spouse; see pp. 17-24 of Instructions.)*

DATE | SOURCE AND TYPE | GROSS INCOME (yours, not spouse's)

[X] NONE (No reportable non-investment income.)

1 $

2 $

3 $

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FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT	Name of Person Reporting	Date of Report
	Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T.	5/13/99

IV. REIMBURSEMENTS -- transportation, lodging, food, entertainment.

(Includes those to spouse and dependent children; use the parentheticals "(S)" and "(DC)" to indicate reportable reimbursements received by spouse and dependent children, respectively. See pp. 25-28 of Instructions.)

	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION
	☐ NONE (No such reportable reimbursements.)	
1	Jefferson Bar Association	4/17/98 Speaker CLE Seminar, Biloxi, Mississippi (Hotel)
2	Louisiana State Bar Association	6/11-6/13/98 Speaker CLE Seminar, Destin, Fla. (Hotel and Mileage)
3	State Fourth & Fifth Circuit Judges' Association	10/8-10/12/98 Speaker CLE Seminar, Seattle, Washington (Travel & Hotel)
4	LSU Trial Advocacy Training Program	8/10-8/12/98 Faculty Member, Baton Rouge, La. (Food, Mileage and Hotel)
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V. GIFTS. *(Includes those to spouse and dependent children; use the parentheticals "(S)" and "(DC)" to indicate gifts received by spouse and dependent children, respectively. See pp. 29-32 of Instructions.)*

	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
	☒ NONE (No such reportable gifts.)		
1			$
2			$
3			$
4			$

VI. LIABILITIES. *(Includes those of spouse and dependent children; indicate, where applicable, person responsible for liability by using the parenthetical "(S)" for separate liability of the spouse, "(J)" for joint liability of reporting individual and spouse, and "(DC)" for liability of a dependent child. See pp. 33-35 of Instructions.)*

	CREDITOR	DESCRIPTION	VALUE CODE*
	☐ NONE (No reportable liabilities.)		
1	MBNA	Credit Card	J
2	Citibank	Credit Card	J
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*Value Codes: J=$15,000 or less, K=$15,001-$50,000, L=$50,001-$100,000, M=$100,001-$250,000, N=$250,001-$500,000, O=$500,001-$1,000,000, P1=$1,000,001-$5,000,000, P2=$5,000,001-$25,000,000, P3=$25,000,001-$50,000,000, P4=$50,000,001 or more

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Name of Person Reporting	Date of Report
Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T.	5/13/99

VII. Page 1 INVESTMENTS and TRUSTS -- income, value, transactions *(Includes those of spouse and dependent children. See pp. 36-54 of Instructions.)*

A Description of Assets (including trust assets) Identify the owner of the asset by using the appropriate (S) for spouse, (J) for joint, and (D) for dependent child. Place (X) after each asset exempt from prior disclosure	B Income during reporting period (1) Amount (code) (A-H)	(2) Type (e.g., div., rent or int.)	C Gross value at end of reporting period (1) Value (code) (J-P2)	(2) Value Method (code) (Q-W)	D Transactions during reporting period (1) Type (e.g., buy, sell, merger, redemption)	(2) Date Month Day	(3) Value (code) (J-P2)	(4) Gain (code) (A-H)	Identity of buyer/seller (if private transaction)
☐ NONE (No reportable income, assets, or transactions.)									
1 Fidelity Investments Fidelity Management Trust-IRA	D	Distrib.	J	T	None				
2 Noble Drilling Corp. Common Stock		None	J	T	None				
3 Oberweis FDS Emerging Growth Mutual Fund		None	J	T	None				
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Col. B: Income/Gain Codes: A=$1,000 or less; B=$1,001-$2,500; C=$2,501-$5,000; D=$5,001-$15,000; E=$15,001-$50,000 (See Col. C1 & D3) F=$50,001-$100,000; G=$100,001-$1,000,000; H1=$1,000,001-$5,000,000; H2=More than $5,000,000

Col. C: Value Codes: J=$15,000 or less; K=$15,001-$50,000; L=$50,001-$100,000; M=$100,001-$250,000; N=$250,001-$500,000; O=$500,001-$1,000,000; P1=$1,000,001-$5,000,000; P2=$5,000,001-$25,000,000; P3=$25,000,001-$50,000,000; P4=More than $50,000,000 (See Col. C2)

Col. C: Value Method Codes: Q=Appraisal; R=Cost (real estate only); S=Assessment; T=Cash Market; U=Book value; V=Other; W=Estimated

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT	Name of Person Reporting	Date of Report
	Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T.	5/13/99

VIII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR EXPLANATIONS (Indicate part of Report.)

IX. CERTIFICATION.

In compliance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 455 and of Advisory Opinion No. 57 of the Advisory Committee on Judicial Activities, and to the best of my knowledge after reasonable inquiry, I did not perform any adjudicatory function in any litigation during the period covered by this report in which I, my spouse, or my minor or dependent children had a financial interest, as defined in Canon 3C(3)(c), in the outcome of such litigation.

I certify that all information given above (including information pertaining to my spouse and minor or dependent children, if any) is accurate, true, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that any information not reported was withheld because it met applicable statutory provisions permitting non-disclosure.

I further certify that earned income from outside employment and honoraria and the acceptance of gifts which have been reported are in compliance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. app. 4, § 501 et. seq., 5 U.S.C. § 7353 and Judicial Conference regulations.

Signature _____ Date 5/13/99

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FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1999

Report Required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, (5 U.S.C. App. 4, §§101-111)

1. Person Reporting *(Last name, first, middle initial)*	2. Court or Organization	3. Date of Report
Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T.	United States District Court Eastern District of Louisiana	5/5/00

4. Title *(Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time)*	5. ReportType (check appropriate type)	6. Reporting Period
Active United States District Court Judge	___ Nomination, Date _____ ___ Initial X ___ Annual ___ Final	1/1/99 - 12/31/99

7. Chambers or Office Address	8. On the basis of the information contained in this Report and any modifications pertaining thereto, it is, in my opinion, in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
United States District Court, EDLA 500 Camp St., C206 New Orleans, La. 70130	Reviewing Officer _____ Date_____

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I. POSITIONS. *(Reporting individual only; see pp. 9-13 of Instructions.)*

	POSITION	NAME OF ORGANIZATION/ENTITY
X	NONE (No reportable positions.)	
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II. AGREEMENTS. *(Reporting individual only; see pp. 14-16 of Instructions.)*

	DATE	PARTIES AND TERMS
X	NONE (No reportable agreements.)	
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III. NON-INVESTMENT INCOME. *(Reporting individual and spouse; see pp. 17-24 of Instructions.)*

	DATE	SOURCE AND TYPE	GROSS INCOME (yours, not spouse's)
X	NONE (No reportable non-investment income.)		
1			$
2			$
3			$
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FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT	Name of Person Reporting Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T.	Date of Report 5/5/00

IV. REIMBURSEMENTS – transportation, lodging, food, entertainment.

(Includes those to spouse and dependent children. See pp. 25-27 of Instructions.)

	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION
	☐ NONE (No such reportable reimbursements.)	
1		
2	Jefferson Bar Association	4/15/99 Speaker CLE Seminar, Biloxi, Mississippi (Hotel)
3	Louisiana State Bar Association	6/9-6/12/99 Speaker CLE Seminar, Destin, Fla. (Hotel, Food and Mileag
4	LSU Trial Advocacy Training Program	8/9-8/11/99 Faculty Member, Baton Rouge, La. (Hotel, Food and Mileage
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V. GIFTS. *(Includes those to spouse and dependent children. See pp. 28-31 of Instructions.)*

	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
	☒ NONE (No such reportable gifts.)		
1			$
2			$
3			$
4			$

VI. LIABILITIES. *(Includes those of spouse and dependent children See pp. 32-34 of Instructions.)*

	CREDITOR	DESCRIPTION	VALUE CODE*
	☐ NONE (No reportable liabilities.)		
1	MBNA	Credit Card	J
2	Citibank	Credit Card	J
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*Value Codes J=$15,000 or less K=$15,001-$50,000 L=$50,001-$100,000 M=$100,001-$250,000 N=$250,001-$500,000
O=$500,001-$1,000,000 P1=$1,000,001-$5,000,000 P2=$5,000,001-$25,000,000
P3=$25,000,001-$50,000,000 P4=$50,000,001-or more

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT	Name of Person Reporting	Date of Report
	Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T.	5/5/00

VII. Page 1 INVESTMENTS and TRUSTS -- income, value, transactions *(Includes those of spouse and dependent children. See pp. 35-55 of Instructions.)*

A. Description of Assets (including trust assets) *Place "(X)" after each asset exempt from prior disclosure*	B. Income during reporting period (1) Amt. Code1 (A-H)	B. Income during reporting period (2) Type (e.g., div., rent or int.)	C. Gross value at end of reporting period (1) Value Code2 (J-P)	C. Gross value at end of reporting period (2) Value Method Code3 (Q-W)	D. Transactions during reporting period (1) Type (e.g., buy, sell, merger, redemption)	D. Transactions during reporting period (2) Date Month Day	D. Transactions during reporting period (3) Value Code2 (J-P)	D. Transactions during reporting period (4) Gain Code1 (A-H)	D. Transactions during reporting period (5) Identity of buyer/seller (if private transaction)
☐ NONE (No reportable income, assets, or transactions.)									
1 Fidelity Investments Fidelity Management Trust-IRA	D	Distrib.	J	T	None				
2 Noble Drilling Corp. Common Stock		None	J	T	None				
3 Oberweis FDS Emerging Growth Mutual Fund		None	J	T	None				
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1 = Income/Gain Codes: (See Col. B1, D4) A=$1,000 or less; D=$1,001-$2,500; E=$2,501-$5,000; F=$5,001-$15,000; G=$15,001-$50,000; H1=$50,001-$100,000; H2=$100,001-$1,000,000; I=$1,000,001-$5,000,000; J=More than $5,000,000

2 Value Codes: (See Col. C1, D3) J=$15,000 or less; K=$15,001-$50,000; L=$50,001-$100,000; M=$100,001-$250,000; N=$250,001-$500,000; O=$500,001-$1,000,000; P1=$1,000,001-$5,000,000; P2=$5,000,001-$25,000,000; P3=$25,000,001-$50,000,000; P4=More than $50,000,000

3 Value Method Codes: (See Col. C2) Q=Appraisal; R=Cost (real estate only); S=Assessment; T=Cash Market; U=Book value; V=Other; W=Estimated

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT	Name of Person Reporting	Date of Report
	Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T.	5/5/00

VIII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR EXPLANATIONS (Indicate part of Report.)

X. CERTIFICATION.

I certify that all information given above (including information pertaining to my spouse and minor or dependent children, if any) is accurate, true, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that any information not reported was withheld because it met applicable statutory provisions permitting non-disclosure.

I further certify that earned income from outside employment and honoraria and the acceptance of gifts which have been reported are in compliance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. app. 4, § 501 et. seq., 5 U.S.C. § 7353 and Judicial Conference regulations.

Signature _____ Date 5/5/00

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FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2000

Report Required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, (5 U.S.C. App., §§101-111)

1. Person Reporting *(Last name, first, middle initial)*	2. Court or Organization	3. Date of Report
Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T.	United States District Court Eastern District of Louisiana	5/10/01

4. Title *(Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time)*	5. ReportType (check appropriate type)	6. Reporting Period
Active United States District Court Judge	___ Nomination, Date _____ ___ Initial X Annual ___ Final	1/1/00 - 12/31/00

7. Chambers or Office Address	8. On the basis of the information contained in this Report and any modifications pertaining thereto, it is, in my opinion, in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
United States District Court, EDLA 500 Camp St., C206 New Orleans, La. 70130	Reviewing Officer _____ Date _____

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I. POSITIONS. *(Reporting individual only; see pp. 9-13 of Instructions.)*

	POSITION	NAME OF ORGANIZATION/ENTITY
X	NONE (No reportable positions.)	
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II. AGREEMENTS. *(Reporting individual only; see pp. 14-16 of Instructions.)*

	DATE	PARTIES AND TERMS
X	NONE (No reportable agreements.)	
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III. NON-INVESTMENT INCOME. *(Reporting individual and spouse; see pp. 17-24 of Instructions.)*

	DATE	SOURCE AND TYPE	GROSS INCOME (yours, not spouse's)
X	NONE (No reportable non-investment income.)		
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FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT	Name of Person Reporting	Date of Report
	Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T.	5/10/01

V. REIMBURSEMENTS – transportation, lodging, food, entertainment.

(Includes those to spouse and dependent children. See pp. 25-27 of Instructions.)

SOURCE	DESCRIPTION
☐ NONE (No such reportable reimbursements.)	
Jefferson Bar Association	4/13-4/15/00 Speaker CLE Seminar, Biloxi, Ms. (Hotel)
Louisiana State Bar Association	6/7/00-6/11/00 Speaker CLE Seminar, Destin, Fla. (Hotel, Food and Mileage)
LSU Trial Advocacy Training Program	8/7/00-8/9/00 Faculty Member, Baton Rouge, La. (Hotel, Food and Mileage)

VI. GIFTS. *(Includes those to spouse and dependent children. See pp. 28-31 of Instructions.)*

SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
☒ NONE (No such reportable gifts.)		
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VII. LIABILITIES. *(Includes those of spouse and dependent children See pp. 32-33 of Instructions.)*

	CREDITOR	DESCRIPTION	VALUE CODE*
	☐ NONE (No reportable liabilities.)		
1	MBNA	Credit Card	J
2	Citibank	Credit Card	J
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*Value Codes: J=$15,000 or less; K=$15,001-$50,000; L=$50,001-$100,000; M=$100,001-$250,000; N=$250,001-$500,000; O=$500,001-$1,000,000; P1=$1,000,001-$5,000,000; P2=$5,000,001-$25,000,000; P3=$25,000,001-$50,000,000; P4=$50,000,001 or more

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Name of Person Reporting	Date of Report
Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T.	5/10/01

VII. Page 1 INVESTMENTS and TRUSTS -- income, value, transactions *(Includes those of spouse and dependent children. See pp. 34-57 of Instructions.)*

A. Description of Assets (including trust assets) *Place "(X)" after each asset exempt from prior disclosure.*	B. Income during reporting period (1) Amt. Code1 (A-H)	B. (2) Type (e.g., div., rent or int.)	C. Gross value at end of reporting period (1) Value Code2 (J-P)	C. (2) Value Method Code3 (Q-W)	D. Transactions during reporting period (1) Type (e.g., buy, sell, merger, redemption)	D. If not exempt from disclosure (2) Date: Month-Day	(3) Value Code2 (J-P)	(4) Gain Code1 (A-H)	(5) Identity of buyer/seller (if private transaction)
☐ NONE (No reportable income, assets, or transactions.)									
1 Fidelity Investments Fidelity Management Trust-IRA	D	Distrib.	J	T	None				
2 Noble Drilling Corp. Common Stock		None	J	T	Sale & Reinvest in IRA				
3 Oberweis FDS Emerging Growth Mutual Fund		None	J	T	None				
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	F=$50,001-$100,000	G=$100,001-$1,000,000	H1=$1,000,001-$5,000,000	H2=More than $5,000,000	
2 Value Codes: (See Col. C1, D3)	J=$15,000 or less	K=$15,001-$50,000	L=$50,001-$100,000	M=$100,001-$250,000	
	N=$250,001-$500,000	O=$500,001-$1,000,000	P1=$1,000,001-$5,000,000	P2=$5,000,001-$25,000,000	
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3 Value Method Codes: (See Col. C2)	Q=Appraisal	R=Cost (real estate only)	S=Assessment	T=Cash/Market	
	U=Book value	V=Other	W=Estimated		

VIII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR EXPLANATIONS (Indicate part of Report.)

IX. CERTIFICATION.

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Signature _____ Date 5/10/01

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FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2001

Report Required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, (5 U.S.C. App., §§101-111)

1. Person Reporting *(Last name, first, middle initial)*	2. Court or Organization	3. Date of Report
Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T.	United States District Court Eastern District of Louisiana	5/14/02

4. Title *(Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time)*	5. ReportType (check appropriate type)	6. Reporting Period
Active United States District Court Judge	___ Nomination, Date _____ ___ Initial __X__ Annual ___ Final.	1/1/01 - 12/31/01

7. Chambers or Office Address	8. On the basis of the information contained in this Report and any modifications pertaining thereto, it is, in my opinion, in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
United States District Court, EDLA 500 Camp St., C206 New Orleans, La. 70130	Reviewing Officer _____ Date _____

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I. POSITIONS. *(Reporting individual only; see pp. 9-13 of Instructions.)*

	POSITION	NAME OF ORGANIZATION/ENTITY
X	NONE (No reportable positions.)	
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II. AGREEMENTS. *(Reporting individual only; see pp. 14-16 of Instructions.)*

	DATE	PARTIES AND TERMS
X	NONE (No reportable agreements.)	
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II. NON-INVESTMENT INCOME. *(Reporting individual and spouse; see pp. 17-24 of Instructions.)*

	DATE	SOURCE AND TYPE	GROSS INCOME (yours, not spouse's)
X		NONE (No reportable non-investment income.)	
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	Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T.	5/14/02

V. REIMBURSEMENTS – transportation, lodging, food, entertainment.

(Includes those to spouse and dependent children. See pp. 25-27 of Instructions.)

	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION
	NONE (No such reportable reimbursements.)	
1	LSU Trial Advocacy Training Program	8/5/01-8/8/01 Faculty Member, Baton Rouge, La. (Hotel and Mileage)
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V. GIFTS. *(Includes those to spouse and dependent children. See pp. 28-31 of Instructions.)*

	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
X	NONE (No such reportable gifts.)		
2			$
3			$
4			$
			$

VI. LIABILITIES. *(Includes those of spouse and dependent children See pp. 32-33 of Instructions.)*

	CREDITOR	DESCRIPTION	VALUE CODE*
	NONE (No reportable liabilities.)		
1	MBNA	Credit Card	K
2	Citibank	Credit Card	K
3	Discover	Credit Card	K
4	American Express	Credit Card	J
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*Value Codes: J=$15,000 or less K=$15,001-$50,000 L=$50,001-$100,000 M=$100,001-$250,000 N=$250,001-$500,000
O=$500,001-$1,000,000 P1=$1,000,001-$5,000,000 P2=$5,000,001-$25,000,000
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FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT

Name of Person Reporting	Date of Report
Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T.	5/14/02

VII. Page 1 INVESTMENTS and TRUSTS – income, value, transactions *(Includes those of spouse and dependent children. See pp. 34-57 of Instructions.)*

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☐ NONE (No reportable income, assets,									
1 Fidelity Investments Fidelity Management Trust-IRA	C	Distrib.	J	T	None				
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2	Value Codes: (See Col. C1, D3)	J=$15,000 or less N=$250,001-$500,000 P3=$25,000,001-$50,000,000	K=$15,001-$50,000 O=$500,001-$1,000,000	L=$50,001- $100,000 P1=$1,000,001-$5,000,000 P4=More than $50,000,000	M=$100,001-$250,000 P2=$5,000,001-$25,000,000	
3	Value Method Codes: (See Col. C2)	Q=Appraisal U=Book value	R=Cost (real estate only) V=Other	S=Assessment W=Estimated	T=Cash/Market	

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT	Name of Person Reporting	Date of Report
	Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T.	5/14/02

VIII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR EXPLANATIONS (Indicate part of Report.)

IX. CERTIFICATION.

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Signature _____ Date 5/14/02

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Report Required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. app. §§ 101-111)

1. Person Reporting (Last name, First name, Middle initial)	2. Court or Organization	3. Date of Report
Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T	U.S. District Court, EDLA	5/9/2003
4. Title (Article III Judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time)	**5. ReportType** (check appropriate type)	**6. Reporting Period**
Active, U.S. Dist. Ct. Judge	○ Nomination, Date ○ Initial ◉ Annual ○ FInal	1/1/2002 to 12/31/2002
7. Chambers or Office Address	**8. On the basis of the information contained in this Report and any modifications pertaining thereto, it is, in my opinion, in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.**	
U.S. District Court, EDLA 500 Camp St., C206 New Orleans, La. 70130	Reviewing Officer_____ Date_____	

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I. POSITIONS. (Reporting individual only; see pp. 9-13 of filing instructions)

☑ NONE - (No reportable positions.)

	POSITION	NAME OF ORGANIZATION/ENTITY
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II. AGREEMENTS. (Reporting individual only; see pp. 14-16 of filing instructions)

☑ NONE - (No reportable agreements.)

	DATE	PARTIES AND TERMS
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III. NON-INVESTMENT INCOME. (Reporting individual and spouse; see pp. 17-24 of filing instructions)

☑ NONE - (No reportable non-investment income.)

	DATE	SOURCE AND TYPE	GROSS INCOME (yours, not spouse's)
1.			

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT	Name of Person Reporting	Date of Report
	Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T	5/9/2003

V. REIMBURSEMENTS -- transportation, lodging, food, entertainment.

(Includes those to spouse and dependent children. See pp. 25-27 of instructions.)

☐ NONE - (No such reportable reimbursements.)

	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION
1.	UT College of Law	3/7-3/8/02 Presiding Judge in Ray Jenkins Trial Competition, Knoxville, TN (flight, hotel & food)
2.	Jefferson Bar Association	4/4-4/6/02 Speaker CLE Seminar, Biloxi, MS (hotel)
3.	Louisiana State Bar Association	6/26-6/29/02 Speaker CLE Seminar, Destin, FL (hotel, food and mileage)
4.	Foundation for Research on Economics and the Environment	8/6-8/11/02 Seminar, Bozeman, MT (flight)
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V. GIFTS. (Includes those to spouse and dependent children. See pp. 28-31 of instructions.)

☑ NONE - (No such reportable gifts.)

	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
1.			

VI. LIABILITIES. (Includes those of spouse and dependent children. See pp. 32-34 of instructions.)

☐ NONE - (No reportable liabilities.)

	CREDITOR	DESCRIPTION	VALUE CODE
1.	Citibank	Credit Card	J
2.	MBNA	Credit Card	J

Name of Person Reporting	Date of Report
Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T	5/9/2003

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NONE (No reportable income, assets, or transactions)									
Fidelity Investments Fidelity Management Trust-IRA			J	T	None				

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	Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T	5/9/2003

VIII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR EXPLANATIONS (Indicate part of Report.)

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Signature _____ Date 5/9/03

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New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

Chambers of
G. Thomas Porteous, Jr.
U.S. District Judge

July 17, 2003

Honorable Mary M. Lisi
Chair
Committee on Financial Disclosure
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Dear Judge Lisi:

In response to your letter of July 3, 2003, Column B(1) under "Amount" should be blank. In Column B(2) under "Type" enter the word "NONE".

If any further information is necessary, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

G. THOMAS PORTEOUS, JR.

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Calendar Year 2003

Report Required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. app. §§ 101-111)

1. Person Reporting (Last name, First name, Middle initial)	2. Court or Organization	3. Date of Report
Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T	U.S. District Court, EDLA	5/6/2004
4. Title (Article III Judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time) Active, U.S. Dist. Ct. Judge	5. ReportType (check appropriate type) ◯ Nomination, Date ◯ Initial ◉ Annual ◯ FInal	6. Reporting Period 1/1/2003 to 12/31/2003
7. Chambers or Office Address U.S. District Court, EDLA 500 Poydras St., C206 New Orleans, La. 70130	8. On the basis of the information contained in this Report and any modifications pertaining thereto, it is, in my opinion, in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Reviewing Officer_____ Date_____	

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	DATE	PARTIES AND TERMS
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	Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T	5/6/2004

III. NON-INVESTMENT INCOME. (Reporting individual and spouse; see pp. 17-24 of filing instructions)

A. Filer's Non-Investment Incom

☑ NONE - (No reportable non-investment income.)

	DATE	SOURCE AND TYPE	GROSS INCOME (yours, not spouse's)
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B. Spouse's Non-Investment Income (If you were married during any portion of the reporting year, please complete this section. (dollar amount not required except for honoraria)

☐ NONE - (No reportable non-investment income.)

	DATE	SOURCE AND TYPE
1.	2003	R&M Glynn, Inc. (Employer)

IV. REIMBURSEMENTS -- transportation, lodging, food, entertainment.

(Includes those to spouse and dependent children. See pp. 25-27 of instructions.)

☑ NONE - (No such reportable reimbursements.)

	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION
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V. GIFTS. (Includes those to spouse and dependent children. See pp. 28-31 of instructions.)

☑ NONE - (No such reportable gifts.)

	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
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VI. LIABILITIES. (Includes those of spouse and dependent children. See pp. 32-34 of instructions.)

☐ NONE - (No reportable liabilities.)

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FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT	Name of Person Reporting	Date of Report
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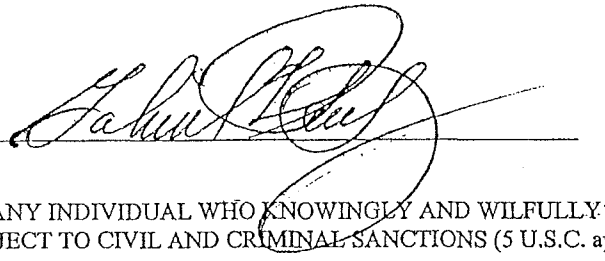
Signature  Date May 6, 2004

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FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2004

Report Required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. app. §§ 101-111)

1. Person Reporting (Last name, First name, Middle initial)	2. Court or Organization	3. Date of Report
Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T	U. S. District Court, EDLA	5/12/2005
4. Title (Article III Judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time) Active, U. S. District Judge	5. ReportType (check appropriate type) ◯ Nomination, Date ◯ Initial ◉ Annual ◯ FInal	6. Reporting Period 1/1/2004 to 12/31/2004
7. Chambers or Office Address U. S. District Court, EDLA 500 Poydras St., C206 New Orleans, La. 70130	8. On the basis of the information contained in this Report and any modifications pertaining thereto, it is, in my opinion, in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Reviewing Officer_____ Date_____	

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☑ NONE - (No reportable positions.)

	POSITION	NAME OF ORGANIZATION/ENTITY
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	DATE	PARTIES AND TERMS
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	Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T	5/12/2005

III. NON-INVESTMENT INCOME. (Reporting individual and spouse; see pp. 17-24 of filing instructions)

A. Filer's Non-Investment Income

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B. Spouse's Non-Investment Income - (If you were married during any portion of the reporting year, please complete this section. Dollar amount not required except for honoraria.)

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	DATE	SOURCE AND TYPE
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IV. REIMBURSEMENTS -- transportation, lodging, food, entertainment.

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	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION
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V. GIFTS. (Includes those to spouse and dependent children. See pp. 28-31 of instructions.)

☐ NONE - (No such reportable gifts.)

	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
1.	Rowan Company	Hunting Trip	$1,000

VI. LIABILITIES. (Includes those of spouse and dependent children. See pp. 32-34 of instructions.)

☑ NONE - (No reportable liabilities.)

	CREDITOR	DESCRIPTION	VALUE CODE
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Name of Person Reporting	Date of Report
Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T	5/12/2005

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Signature _____ Date 5/12/05

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FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2005

Report Required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. app. §§ 101-111)

1. Person Reporting (last name, first, middle initial)	2. Court or Organization	3. Date of Report
Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T	U. S. District Court, EDLA	07/24/2006
4. Title (Article III Judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time)	**5a. Report Type (check appropriate type)**	**6. Reporting Period**
Active, U. S. District Judge	☐ Nomination, Date ☐ Initial ☒ Annual ☐ Final 5b. ☐ Amended Report	01/01/2005 to 12/31/2005
7. Chambers or Office Address	**8. On the basis of the information contained in this Report and any modifications pertaining thereto, it is, in my opinion, in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.**	
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Name of Person Reporting	Date of Report
Porteous (Jr.), Gabriel T	07/24/2006

III. NON-INVESTMENT INCOME. *(Reporting Individual and spouse; see pp. 17-24 of instructions.)*

A. Filer's Non-Investment Income

[X] NONE *(No reportable non-investment income.)*

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V. GIFTS. *(Includes those to spouse and dependent children. See pp. 28-31 of instructions.)*

☐ NONE *(No reportable gifts.)*

	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
1.	Hunting Trip	Diamond Offshore	$ 1000.00
2.			
3.			
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VI. LIABILITIES. *(Includes those of spouse and dependent children. See pp. 32-34 of instructions.)*

☒ NONE *(No reportable liabilities.)*

	CREDITOR	DESCRIPTION	VALUE CODE
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Name of Person Reporting	Date of Report
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VII. INVESTMENTS and TRUSTS – *income, value, transactions (includes those of the spouse and dependent children. See pp. 34-57 of filing instructions)*

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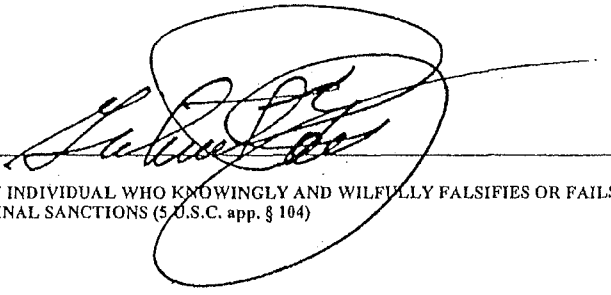
Signature  Date 7/24/06

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September 7, 2006

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ATTENTION: JUDGE ORTRIE D. SMITH
Chair

In response to your letter of August 23, 2006, please be advised that the "Fidelity Investments Fidelity Management Trust - IRA" is still owned but the value of said item is below the reporting requirement.

If any further information is necessary, please advise.

Sincerely,

G. THOMAS PORTEOUS, JR.

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